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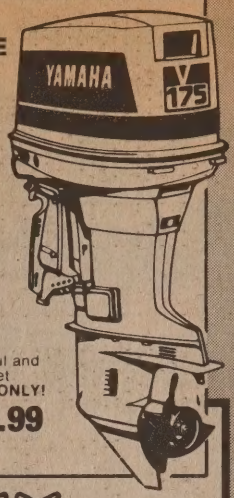

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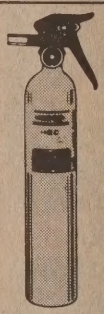

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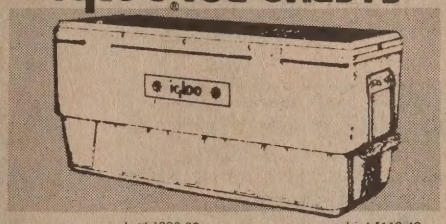

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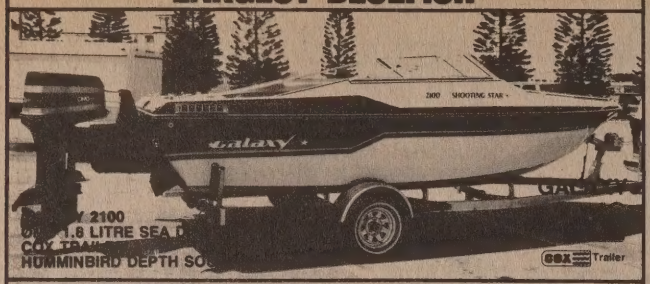

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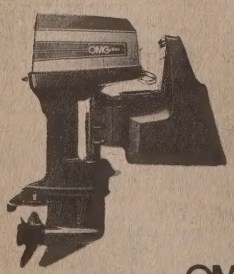

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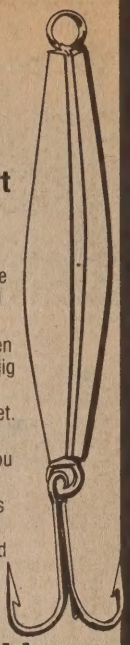

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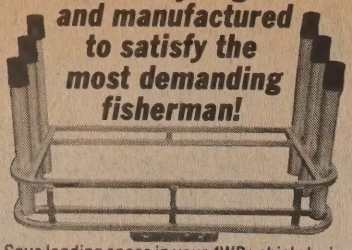

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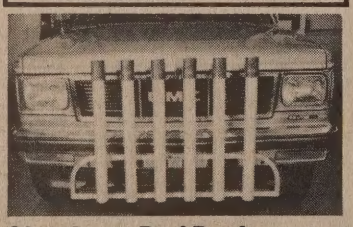

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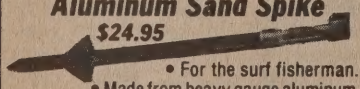

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ARTHUR SMITH BLUEFISH TOURNEY DRAWING NEAR

Spider Andresen, publisher of the Salt Water Sportsman Magazine, will conduct a free sport fishing seminar on Sunday, August 30th at 11AM in conjunction with the 4th annual Arthur Smith Bluefish Tournament out of Jones and Fire Island Inlets. The seminar will take place in the Sponsor Pavilion at the Guy Lombardo Marina in Freeport. The 30th is awards day and the public is invited to take part in the seminar and to witness the awarding of $250,000 in cash and merchandise.

If the winning fish is caught on a Boston Whaler there will be an additional $10,000 awarded. Red Man Chewing Tobacco will also donate $10,000. The winners' names will be pulled out of a fish bow: 3-$1,000 winners; 1-$2,000 award and 1-$5,000 winner, just for fishing in the tournament.

The angler who catches the largest bluefish in the tournament will be awarded a Galaxy 2100 boat equipped with an OMC 1.8 litre Sea Drive, Cox Trailer and a Humminbird depth sounder. For the largest bluefish caught on boats leaving Jones Inlet, a Hydra-Sports 2000 DC, 150 Johnson, Cox trailer and a Humminbird depth sounder will be awarded.Out of Fire Island Inlet, the largest bluefish caught will be worth a Glassmaster 196, 90 Evinrude, Cox trailer and a Humminbird depth sounder.

There will also be daily prizes, 10 per day, which will total $37,000 in cash and prizes. Additional bonuses of $1,000 will be provided by 16 different boat manufacturers for the largest bluefish caught on that boat. If the grand prize winner is wearing Sperry Top Siders and uses Bagley's Silver Thread and has on board Olin Signal Products, an additional $1,000 will be awarded. A very special award of $100,000 will be awarded if the current all tackle world record is broken during the tournament competition.

A special feature of the awards day program will be the appearance of Joe Stampley and his Double Shot Band.

To get a complete copy of the rules, an entry blank, and all other details, call (516) 897-1977 or write to P.O. Box 7343, Freeport, NY 11520-9998.

The New York Sport Fishing Federation is happy to be associated with this tournament because of its conservation oriented format. This is not a giant kill tournament. Only the top 5 fish per day per boat will be counted. Part of the proceeds will be turned over to the Federation to support its many activities concerning the conservation of the marine environment and the promotion of sport fishing.

The overall champion team, which will be determined by total weight for the two days (minimum 5 fish per day) will receive over $15,000 in merchandise. Included will be a 19 foot Funliner with a 135 OMC Cobra, Cox trailer and a Humminbird depth sounder.

$1 BILLION LWCF PROPOSED

Senator John Chafee (RI) has introduced a bill to create a dedicated fund that would supply $1 billion annually to buy land for recreation and conservation purposes. The program apparently would replace the current Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), which is due to expire in 1989.

Chafee's bill, S.1338, would create the "Outdoor America Conservation Fund." It would finance the program from three sources. A 2.5 percent federal tax would be collected on land transfers valued at more than $5 million, which is expected to raise $500 million per year. Revenues from Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leasing (funding source for LWCF) would supply $300 million annually. And $200 million per year would be generated through the issuance of conservation bonds that would be available for purchase by investors.

The bill responds to a recommendation by the President's Commission on Americans Outdoors that a trust fund be established to assure that $1 billion annually be dedicated to recreation and conservation land purchases. Like the existing LWCF, it would provide 40 percent of the money to federal agencies and 60 percent to the states. And it would require a 50 percent match by state and local governments. The main difference in Chafee's bill and the LWCF is that the money would be appropriated automatically under S.1338, whereas conservationists must battle each year now to get funds under LWCF authority. Therefore, Chafee is expected to get a lot of public support for his bill. He expects some trouble, however, from large-scale developers who might oppose

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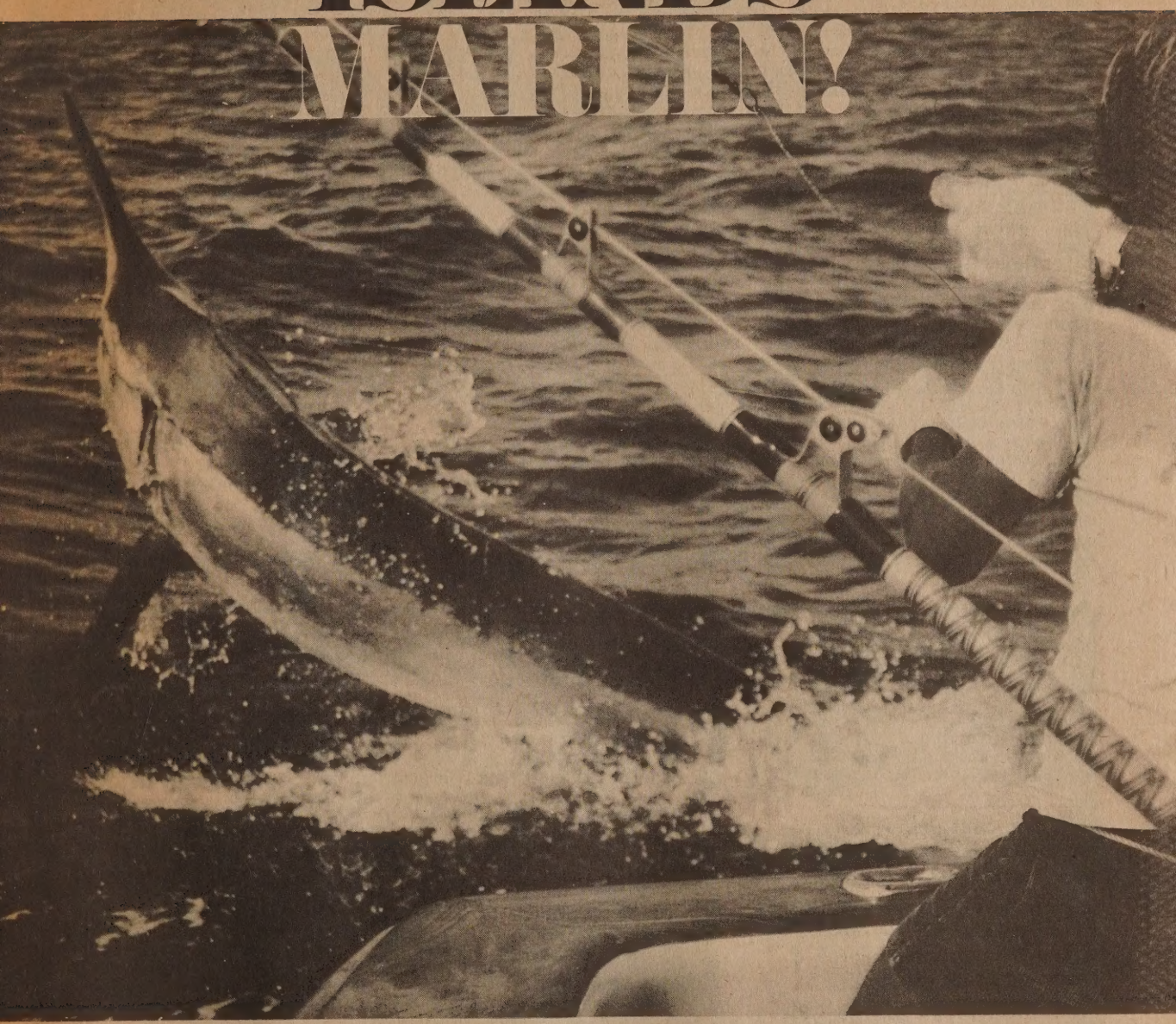

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7. Striper Surf Club	259	79	0	338
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11. Great South Bay Anglers	83	5	0	88

MOST POINTS OVERALL—Individual Top 20

ANGLER	CLUB	BASS	BLUE	WEAK	TOTAL
1. J. Colby	PFC	302	177	0	479
2. J. Paduano	EES	133	93	9	235
3. W. Kowal	HSC	173	32	0	205
4. J. LoManaco, Jr.	GSC	122	69	0	191
5. J. McKay	GSC	129	28	6	163
6. E. Phillips	MIS	40	88	0	128
7. R. Koester	LISA	12	52	56	120
8. M. Sarro	SSC	81	35	0	116
9. O. Van Helmond	PFC	25	42	37	104
10. K. Davis	EES	93	0	8	101
11. J. Augeri	GSC	33	20	37	90
12. M. Borucke	HSC	89	0	0	89
13. R. Lucchesi	MIS	34	16	38	88
14. C. Hardman	GSBA	83	5	0	88
15. J. Williams	SSC	53	29	0	82
16. J. Bernard	FSC	54	26	0	80
17. F. Eike	MIS	28	47	0	75
18. M. Garcia	MIS	24	50	0	74
19. J. Marsala	PS	0	73	0	73
20. W. Joseph	PS	0	72	0	72
K. Kassan	FSC	39	16	17	72

HEAVIEST STRIPED BASS—Individual Entry

ANGLER	WEIGHT	CLUB
1. J. Paulsen	46 pounds, 0 ounces	EES
2. M. Sarro	45 pounds, 0 ounces	SSC
3. W. Kowal	43 pounds, 8 ounces	HSC

HEAVIEST BLUEFISH—Individual Entry

ANGLER	WEIGHT	CLUB
1. R. Perlow	16 pounds, 5 ounces	HSC
2. W. Kowal	11 pounds, 8 ounces	HSC
3. O. Van Helmond	11 pounds, 0 ounces	PFC

HEAVIEST WEAKFISH—Individual Entry

ANGLER	WEIGHT	CLUB
1. E. Greenberg	11 pounds, 0 ounces	PFC
2. N. Annello	10 pounds, 8 ounces	PFC
3. O. Van Helmond	10 pounds, 0 ounces	PFC

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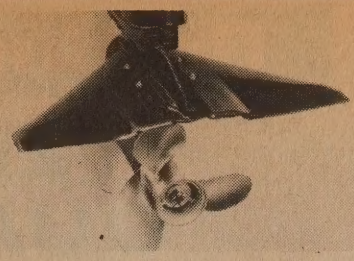

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FORMULA
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JOHN C. BABYLON NY. 8/2/87
25' S/C 300hp MERC I/O
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GALAXY
TONY P. PLYMOUTH PA. 7/21/87
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"THE DOEL-FIN IS JUST FANTASTIC, I'M REALLY SAVING ON GAS. THE BOAT PLANES FASTER, IT DOES EVERYTHING BETTER. I ABSOLUTLY RECOMMEND IT, ITS JUST GREAT!"

IMPERIAL
PAUL M. WEBSTER MA. 8/3/87
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"THE DOEL-FIN IS PHENOMINAL. I'M PLANNING AT 2700 vs. 4200 RPM BEFORE. I'M SAVING LOTS OF FUEL, IT KEEPS THE BOW DOWN, LETTING ME RUN FASTER THAN EVER THROUGH BIGGER SEAS THAN EVER WITH NO POUNDING. I WAS SKEPTICAL, NOW I'M A BELIEVER. DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR THEIR THE BEST INVESTMENT I EVER MADE."

LARSON
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POINTER
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"THE BOAT IS MUCH MORE SEA WORTHY. IN OPEN WATER THE BOW CUTS THROUGH THE SWELLS GIVING ME A MUCH MORE LEVEL RIDE AND LESS POUNDING. THE BOAT IS LESS SENSATIVE TO WEIGHT DISTRIBUTION AND I DON'T HAVE TO ADJUST THE ENGINE TILT. I WAS SKEPTICAL, BUT THE DOEL-FIN HAS MORE THAN PROVEN ITS PERFORMANCE AND VALUE, I RECOMMEND IT VERY HIGHLY."

PROLINE
CHRIS J. HUNTINGTON NY. 7/22/87
23' CENTER CONSOLE 225 EVINRUDE
"THE BOAT PLANES OFF QUICKER AND STAYS ON PLANE DOWN TO A LOWER RPM. I'M ABSOLUTLY SATISFIED WITH THE DOEL-FIN."

SEA OX
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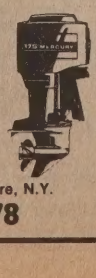

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Product Review

ZEBCO QUANTUM

by Jim White

Zebco has not been a common name among Atlantic Coast surfcasters when the subject of spinning reels comes up, but that might change soon, once fishermen become acquainted with Zebco's new Quantum series.

The Quantum QMD 40 is a heavy freshwater/light saltwater model capable of holding 230 yards of 10 pound test mono. It's also the fastest retrieve ratio of this saltwater series with a 5.4:1 gear ratio and weighs a mere 10.6 ounces; not very heavy for a reel this size. This model would be good for casting for school bass, small blues, fluking and general light duty fishing whether casting or bottom fishing.

The QMD 50 is a medium saltwater model capable of holding 280 yards of 12 pound test or 240 of 14 pound test mono. It has a gear ratio of 4.5:1 and weighs just a bit more at 13.8 ounces. This is the one I used. I've used it for general surf fishing situations and it has performed exceptionally well. Bluefish of 19 pounds were landed without much trouble. It also took several bass into the 40s; so I think it'll handle most surf or boat situations.

Rounding out the line is the large QMD 70, a heavy saltwater model which will hold 250 yards of 17 pound test mono and weighs in at 18.3 ounces. This reel could be used in heavier situations, like offshore for shark or school tuna, or for heavy duty surf. If it performs like its smaller brother the 50, I see no problem at all in handling the bigger fish.

After testing one this fall, I came away with a feeling of being very lucky to have had the chance to use one. The reel was exceptional in all categories.

Quantum's Magnum Drag System adds a new dimension in drag performance. Over two years in its development, Zebco claims this drag provides up to 600 percent more drag surface area than ordinary spinning reel drags. You'll quickly see and feel the difference in Quantum's wide precision setting range and superb smoothness. And with Teflon and stainless steel drag washers, they'll last a long time in a harsh saltwater environment.

Zebco's Quantum series is geared for serious surf work.

The line comes off the spool as smooth as I've ever seen under tension without breaking when a fish strikes or makes a quick run after being hooked. Of course, you must remember, for any drag to work properly it must be adjusted to the proper tension. It's better to have the drag set a little bit looser than too tight.

Turning the conveniently located, calibrated rear mounted drag knob to the right or left tightens or loosens the drag. Also, there's an audible click to make you aware of each drag adjustment. The knob is large enough to make adjustments even while fighting a fish.

For smoothness and durability, each Quantum reel is equipped with precision ball bearings at the pinion gear. You'll appreciate this feature every time you turn the handle and feel how smooth the reel operates.

The selective anti-reverse operates silently for more enjoyable angling and is ruggedly designed for trouble free performance. In the "On" position it prevents the handle from turning backwards and allows the fish to run against the drag. The anti-reverse selector is conveniently located just ahead of the rear mounted drag.

Inside, the internal bail trip makes for smooth, easy closing of the bail, a gentle forward turn of the handle is all it takes. There's also a built-in manual option which allows the bail to be closed with just a flip of the hand if you so desire.

A graphite pop-off spool makes for light weight and strength and makes line changes a quick and easy process. Just press the button to take it off. When replacing, rotate the spool until you hear it "click" and lock down on the center shaft.

The main drive pinion gear is made from cut brass with a precision zinc die-cast crank gear which gives long lasting smoothness and dependability. The hard chromed brass line roller minimizes wear and protects the line from heat build-up for more hours of trouble free line hassles.

Zebco developed a revolutionary coating process which gives maximum corrosion protection from saltwater and sand. This helps maintain the reel looking good for a long time. It also helps in keeping salt deposits from building up and working their way inside the reel. My reel shows no adverse effects from the salt.

The handle knob is large and easy to hang onto and it doesn't give the feeling of coming out of your hand, even when fighting a fish. The handle itself collapses for storage by loosening the opposite side and folding over. If you're left-handed, like I am, you'll appreciate the capability of switching to the right side for south-paw use.

If fishermen give this reel a chance and put it to the test, Zebco could become a regular name on the saltwater scene.

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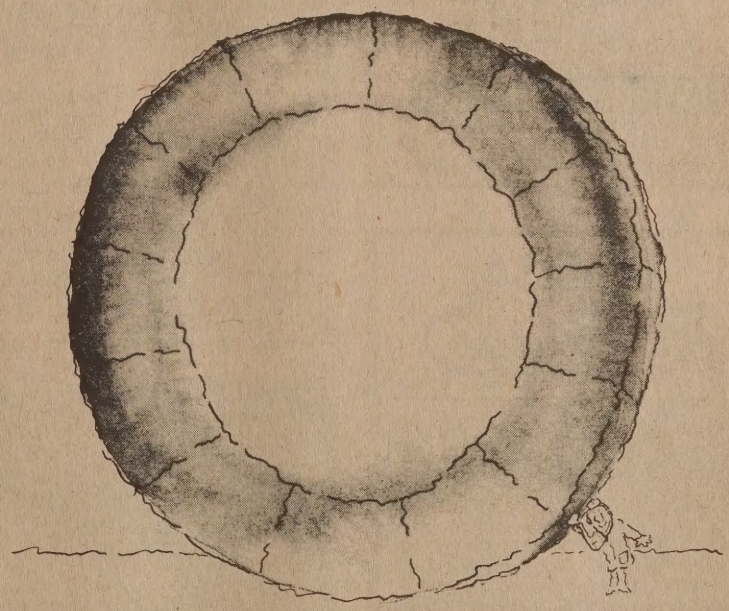

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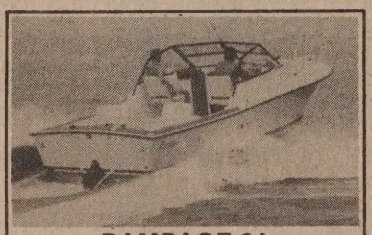

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THE SAVORY BLUE CLAW

by Jim Capossela

For thousands of people each summer, the blue claw crab provides meals fit for a king. It is not only one of the most beautfiul of all things that swim, but one of the most savory as well.

When catching your own crabs, keep them in a bushel basket covered with a wet piece of burlap. Dip the entire thing in the creek during the day as you crab. You can also suspend the crabs in a burlap sack over the side of a boat or from shore, but be careful the bag doesn't burst open and let your hard day's work escape! I've seen it happen, and that's one reason I stick to the bushel (I've also seen bushel baskets go floating away with a rising tide).

I should tell you to discard all dead crabs once you get home. But to be perfectly honest, I'll cook up dead crabs I've caught myself if two conditions are met: the crab has been dead two hours or less and it's been kept ice cold that entire time. During the day, I'll poke around through the bushel and if I see a dead one I'll put it on ice in a cooler, perhaps wrapped up in a plastic bag.

In my opinion, steaming crabs results in a slow death, so I always boil them. I bring a large pot of water to a rolling boil and submerge the crabs one or two at a time, always bringing the pot back to the boil before adding more. I boil for 20 minutes and sometimes I add a little Old Bay seasoning.

Remove the crabs with a slotted spoon and place on a tray. You can save for sauces whatever drippings accumulate, but be advised: health authorities warn *not* to consume the cooking water from crabs taken from contaminated waters. Apparently, certain contaminants can leach out into the cooking water. Another health advisory is that, in polluted water, you refrain from eating any of the soft innards as people often do with lobster and less frequently crab.

If you're going to pick the meat, break off the claws and put them immediately in the refrigerator. Then proceed with the cleaning. With the point of a knife or your finger, open the apron or abdomen of the crab and pry out and around. The entire shell will come off in one piece or at most, two. Remove all the soft material and wash off quickly. Break the now white body in half (munching on any backfin

meat that protrudes) and put the bodies in a separate container in the refrigerator. Remove only some of the claws or bodies at a time when you're going to pick meat, so they don't get any warmer than is necessary.

I should tell you to leave the unpicked bodies or claws or the picked meat, in the refrigerator no more than 3 or 4 days; nonetheless, I have eaten the meat a week later and its been fine if it's been kept continually cold in the coldest part of the refrigerator.

As is so often the case, one of the best crab recipes I know of is also one of the simplest. It was passed on to me by friend Kaj Sorensen, owner and head chef of LeGueridon in Armonk, New York. It makes a superb appetizer before a seafood dinner.

Crab Toast

2 egg whites, beaten stiff
1/2 cup flaked white crab meat,
or a little more
dash Tabasco
1/2 cup mayonnaise

To mayonnaise, add crab and Tabasco. Fold in egg whites. Spoon onto toast rounds made from very thin bread, or onto very thin crackers. Bake at 425 degrees till lightly browned. Makes about 24 hors d'oeuvres.

Blue claw crab has such an excellent, delicate taste that it often seems a shame to hide it in a heavily seasoned main dish. I firmly believe that fresh crab is at its best either right out of the shell with butter, or as an appetizer prepared very simply. The crab toast just described is a simple hot canape where the crab taste really comes through. Here are some ideas for cold appetizers where you'll taste the crab and not cover it up.

For a crab cocktail with fewer calories, blend 2 tbsp plain yogurt, 1 tsp lemon juice, 1 tbsp safflower oil, 1/2 cup flaked crab meat and salt and peper to taste. The classic way of serving crab cocktail is on a bed of large leaves of lettuce, with the lettuce being mainly a garnish that gets left behind. I don't like this wasteful approach, so I do it differently. I combine equal amounts of finely shredded carrot and finely chopped romaine lettuce and radicchio and use this colorful mixture as a bed. I like munching on a little bit of vegetable with each mouthful of crab and nothing goes in the garbage. By the way, certain fruits complement the taste of crab, so you can garnish your cocktail with very thin slices of apple, pear, or even grapefruit. Again, these are edible garnishes.

With its mild, intriguing flavor and buttery texture, avocado is superb with crab. Use a half of a pitted one as a "cup" for your crab cocktail and garnish the top with a triangle of roasted red pepper. Or, remove the pulp, mash it with a spoon and blend till smooth with a little plain yogurt. Spread this on a slice of grainy health bread, spoon over some Lo-Cal crab cocktail nd you have a sandwich that may well prompt you to pop open a bottle of Muscadet for lunch.

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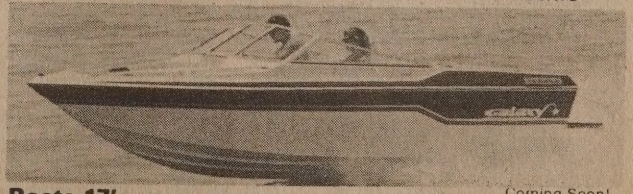

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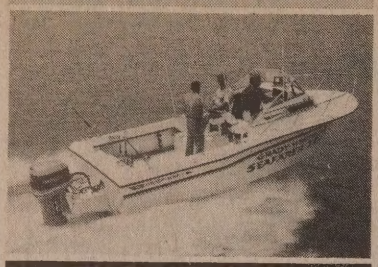

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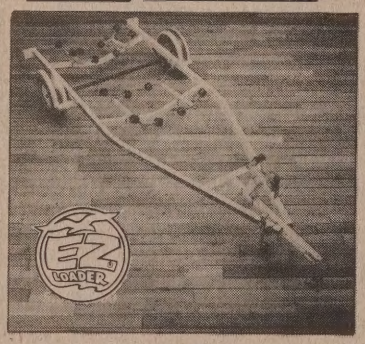

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The Tackle Doctor

by Ken Freel

Dear Doc,

I'm 16 years old and love fishing with my father. We have a 22 foot Robalo with a 200 hp Mercury. We are trying to do some shark fishing this season, but have had no such luck to hook into one. The bluefish are driving us crazy. We fish around the 17 Fathoms and other close areas.

Could you please give me some way points for my Loran on some good areas for sharking. How about the way points for the Yankee and Virginia Wrecks? Thank you for your time. *Scott Cresswell.*

Dear Scott,

It looks like you are fishing too close to shore. While you can catch sharks close to shore, the odds are very much against you. As you probably know by now, 17 Fathoms is usually loaded with bluefish. In fact, this area is one of the best places to fish for bluefish, so it's no surprise that you are catching bunches of them there.

Sharks seem to like water between 120 and 200 feet deep. If you look for water in this range you may score. Another important aspect is to look for underwater structure. Sudden dropoffs in the bottom could indicate a spot to try for sharks. The Mud Hole and the HA Buoy are good spots to try. The Loran numbers for the Yankee Wreck are 26609.5/43592.0; the Virginia Wreck 26525.2/43456.5.

These Loran coordinates were culled from the "New Jersey Saltwater Fishing Guide" by Pete Barrett. It is an extremely helpful guide for dozens of wreck locations plus Loran C numbers from Sandy Hook to Delaware Bay. This guide is available through Ocean Sport Fishing, 1620 Beaver Dam Rd., Point Pleasant, NJ 08742. It costs $7.95 plus $1 for shipping and handling. For more information, call (201) 295-1370.

One final note: Small boat owners who plan on taking offshore trips should be certain that their boats have the proper fuel capacity to make it out and back. Also, safety equipment like self-inflating rafts such as the ones offered by Switlik Co. and plenty of life vests are essential items. Weather conditions can change quite quickly out on the water, especially during the hotter months.

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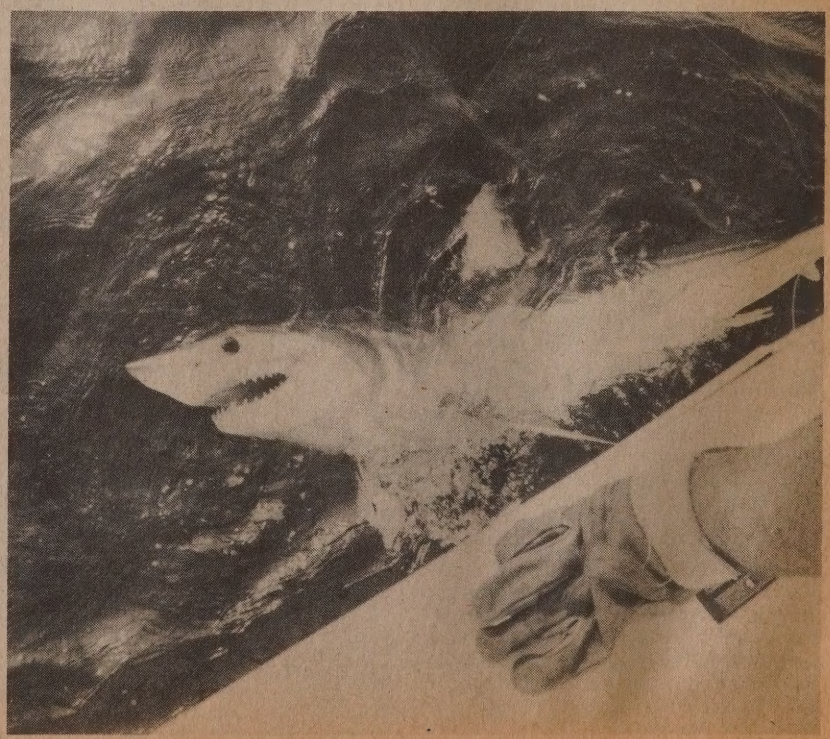
Dear Doc,

My brother lives on Long Island (we were both raised in the Long Island Sound area, but now I live in San Francisco) and he showed me the May 7th



issue of The Fisherman which had your very interesting column. I wish we had something like your column out here.

As a result of visiting my brother, I am planning to return to surf casting, which I haven't done for some years. I have an old 9 foot 2155T Garcia rod and a Mitchell 302 reel, both of which I am planning to update with newer equipment.

I've seen and heard conflicting things about graphite-fiberglass rods, the butt being graphite and the tip fiberglass, Alvey reels, and the British surfcasting system. I'm wondering if you have some thoughts about which combination of rod, reel and casting system would yield the longest distances for sufcasitng. If there is any literature on the subject besides Mulholland Goodspeed's articles, both of which I've ordered, I'd appreciate your letting me know.

Moon Eng.

Dear Moon,

You've asked some very good questions and we could literally write a book in answering. However, John Holden has already written a definitive book on the subject which would certainly be a big help with your return to distance casting. The book is called ***Long Distance Casting****, by John Holden. It is available through the Marine Anglers Library of the Saltwater Sportsmen, 186 Lincoln St., Boston, MA 02111; (617) 426-4074. The book costs $15.95 plus $1.50 for shipping and handling. Best of luck with your return to distance csting.*

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Dear Doc,

I am a recent subscriber having begun my subscription only a few months ago. I think the magazine is just great. Thank you for that. But could you tell me where to obtain a chart of the Sandy Hook area going up to the Rockaways, including Raritan Bay and down to Manasquan. These are the areas that I usually fish.

I'm always reading about a fishing area that is hot, but I don't know where it is. On occasion, I've even gone offshore. People tell me that the Texas Tower is too far for me, but I'd like to judge for myself. I'd really appreciate if you could tell me where to get a good chart of the fishing grounds described. Frustratedly yours,

Tom Stszynski.

Dear Tom,

There are some fine charts available at most tackle shops which would help you find the various locations that you fish. If you cannot find any charts at your local tackle shops, then you can write to: Charterboat Charts, Inc., 411 Linden St. Jenkintown, PA 19046. Charterboat Charts has an excellent selection of plastic covered charts ranging from Fire Island Light, New York down to Fenwick Island in Delaware. The NOAA chart that you'd need for the areas you fish is No. 12326.

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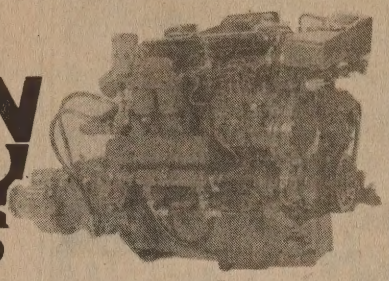

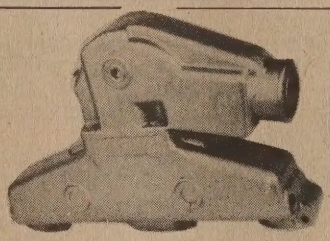

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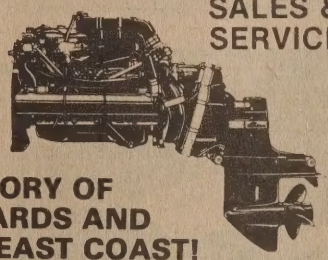

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Dock Lines

by Eric Burnley

Two laws were recently passed by state legislature that will affect the boating public. In Delaware, children under 12 years of age must wear a PFD when they are on the water. In Maryland, anyone born after July 1, 1972 must have a certificate of completion for an approved safe boating course to operate a pleasure boat. This law goes into effect on July 1, 1988, which gives the DNR time to train instructors for these boating courses.

The child PFD law was first introduced in 1986 when two small children were lost in a boating accident. Neither was wearing a PFD. The bill failed to pass last year, but was successful during this session of the General Assembly.

We should not need a law to make us put PFDs on our children, but this appears to be the case. Some objections were raised concerning old uncomfortable PFD and how using them would hinder the kids' fun on the water. The new PFDs on the market today are light and very comfortable which we hope will encourage everyone to wear one when they are on their boats.

There was considerable controversy over the law requiring boat operators to pass a safe boating course. In spite of the many objections, the bill passed and eventually every boat operator in Maryland will have to take some instruction before he or she gets out on the water.

Only time will tell what effect these two laws will have on boaters in other states. Some states do require a safe boating course for young people, but to the best of my knowledge no state, except Delaware, requires them to wear a PFD. I expect we will see similar legislation introduced in many states along the coast as more and more people become involved in boating.

Long-time Fisherman reader Jim Kriger called to offer a suggestion for keeping fish odor out of the fish boxes on your boat. Jim washes his fish box and coolers out with a mixture of Clorox bleach and water. He claims this keeps everything clean and sweet smelling.

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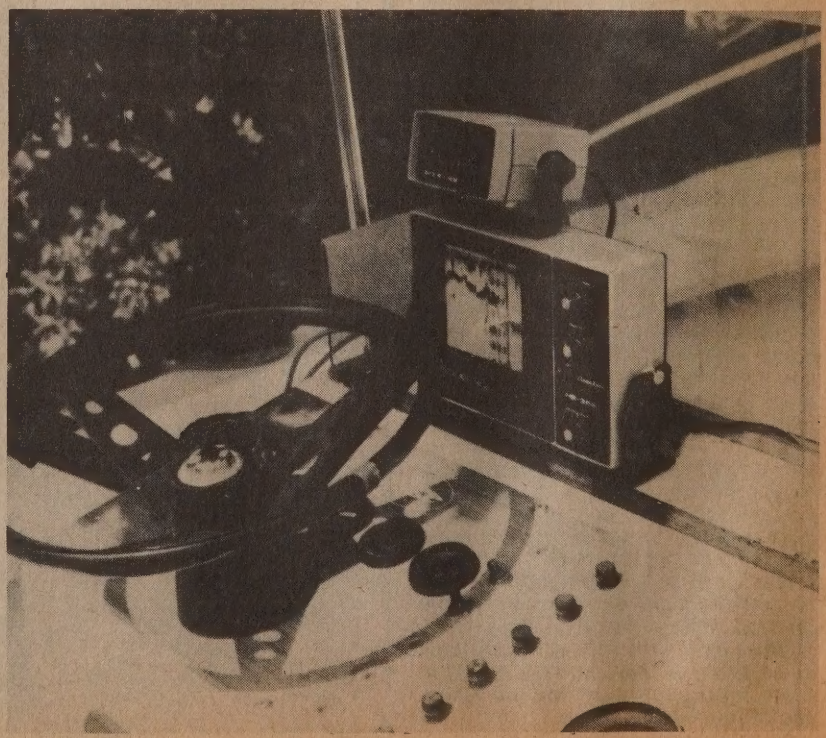
Dear Eric,

I recently purchased a used 1984 Wellcraft 230 Aft Cabin (just 100 hours on a 260 Merc. I/O).

Problem: The boat has a hard time "getting up on plane" with either three or more people or two foot seas. It hits 3000 to 3200 RPM max before getting up very slowly.

What do you suggest? Are there



any studies on this boat that indicate this same problem? Would changing the prop help? What size would be recommended? *Bob Kleinman.*

Dear Bob,

Your boat would probably be helped by the addition of trim tabs. Properly adjusted, these devices should get you up on top much quicker and at a lower RPM. Once on plane you should be able to adjust these tabs for the best ride and maximum fuel economy.

I suggest you check with your local Wellcraft dealer or write the Wellcraft factory direct at 8151 Bradenton Road, Sarasota, FL 34243; (813) 753-7811. Ask the service department for their recommendation as to trim tab installation and what type and size tab works best on your boat.

Another possibility is a Doel Fin Hydrofoil added to the lower unit. This product is supposed to get you up on plane quickly and give you better control when the boat is under way. Contact them at Grand Sports Distributing, 638 Willis Avenue, Williston Park, NY 11596 or call (516) 741-3022.

The prop could be changed, but I am not equipped to recommend the best size and pitch for your boat. Once again, your Wellcraft dealer or the factory would be the place to contact. You might want to check with the Michigan Wheel Corporation, 1501 Buchanan Avenue S.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49507; (616) 452-6941. They have a form you can fill out and return to them listing all the specifications of your boat and the way you plan to operate it. With this information, they will compute the proper prop for your particular situation.

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Dear Eric,

I own a center console boat and want to mount a Si-Tex radar and Si-Tex graph recorder on top of the console on either side of the compass. I've been told this can cause problems with my compass and yet there is absolutely no other place to mount these electronics. What do you recommend? *David Edison.*

Dear David,

You should not mount your electronic equipment that close to your compass. The electromagnetic fields generated by the chart recorder and the radar will make your compass reading unreliable.

The only practical solution would be an electronics compartment mounted well above the console but low enough so the equipment can be seen by the operator of the boat. You are going to need some type of mounting bracket for the radar antenna and the electronics box could be incorporated into this installation.

This compartment will not only serve to keep the compass isolated from the electronics, it will also protect your equipment from the elements.

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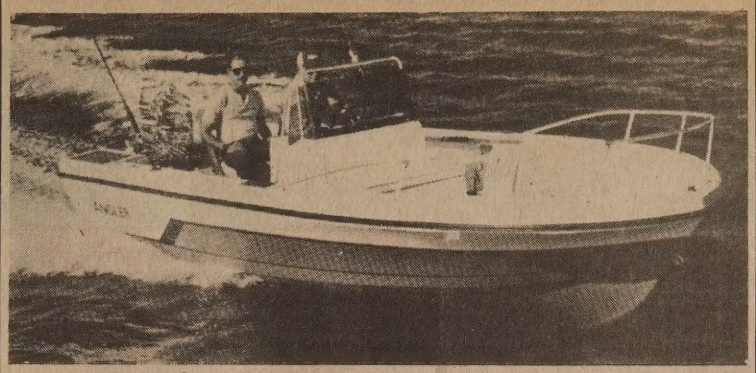

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LONG ISLAND'S ANGLING BOUNTY

by Matt Ahern

"Just about every school kid knows Long Island's shaped like a fish. But at the same time, do we as fishermen realize it's the greatest fishing area on the East Coast? Yes, sir, whether we know it or not, I'd say we're just plain lucky."

So said my fishing buddy, Nick Hauck, as we fished for flounder from a bobbing skiff anchored in Reynold's Channel near the Long Beach Hospital. In-between fish, the chatter had gotten around to Long Island's fishing potential. I had to admit Nick was right, for I know few places that offer the abundance and variety of fish as does Long Island.

What fish appeals to you? Broadbill swordfish? White marlin? Tuna? Monster sharks? Some of the largest are caught in Long Island waters. Stripers? Bluefish? We hold a back seat to no one. Codfishing? It's a 12-month operation on Long Island. Mackerel? Haven't really had a bad season in years. Blackfish? A cinch—with tackle-busters common.

Sea bass, porgies? We're still in there pitching. Snappers? Every summer these baby blues abound in teeming numbers throughout our shallow waters, affording much sport and enjoyment for whole families. Fluke? And here I've got to hedge. We've got plenty of fluke, but most are under legal keeping size. Ah, woe is me on that one.

Before I wrote this part, I spoke to Nick about the sad fluke situation; had he any ideas on the subject. Sure, he said, but it would sound silly and no one would take it to heart. Tell me anyway, I coaxed. Well, he said, keep all the small fish and return all fluke over 16 inches—maybe even 17 inches. That way the breeders go back and the supply will never decrease. Of course, this will never go over. But as Nick said, maybe that's the solution. Let's give it some thought. Yes, let's.

Anyway, to continue. Flounder seem plentiful at times, but are not as plentiful as 10 years ago. Ling and whiting seem fairly abundant. So, all in all, I'd agree with Nick. Lucky us!

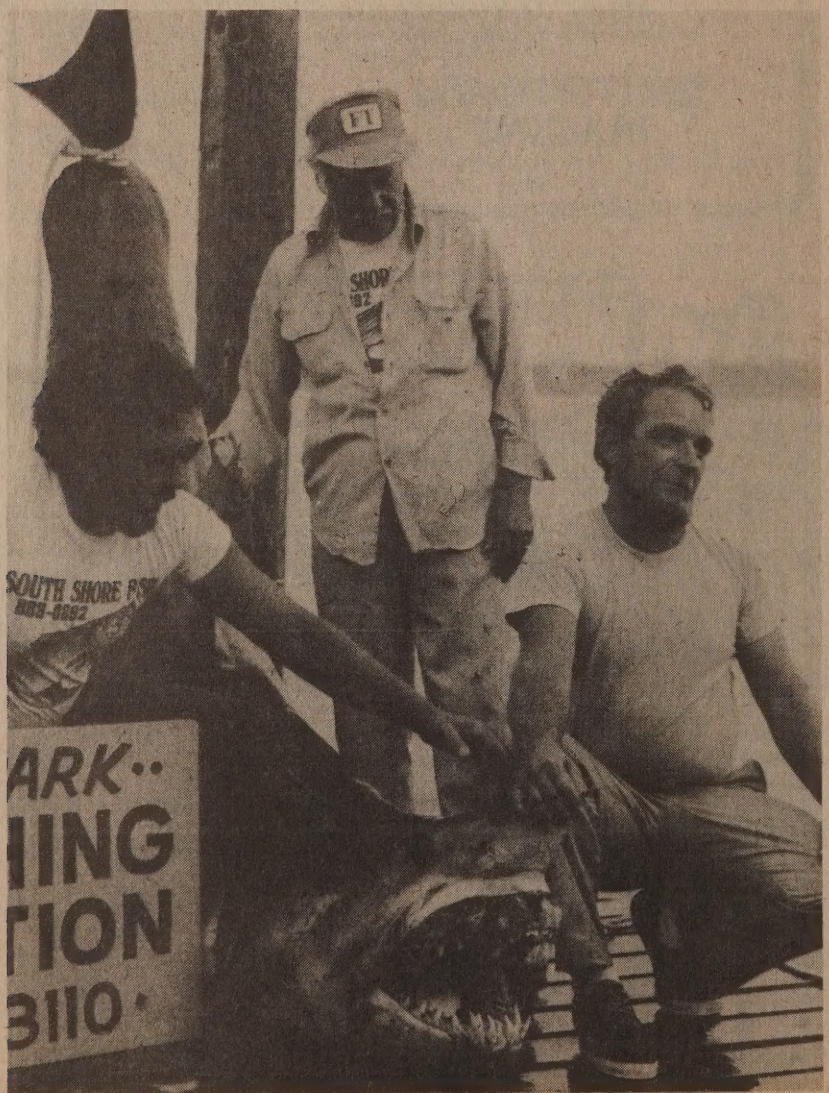
For the bottom fisherman in particular, and for those fishermen who "know their stuff," Long Island provides plenty of excellent fishing.

There is good reason for this.

Take, for instance, the shore fisherman. He is indeed lucky, for Long Island has well over 200 miles of fishable water. And that's not counting large bays, deep creeks, canals, groins and jetties. Some of this vast area is privately-owned, but much of it is open to fishermen—especially out east. It is here where land-bound anglers get in their lucks. I firmly believe that if a bottom fisherman can't get some sort of action from this amount of fish producing water, he isn't trying very hard.

But every fisherman is his own man and sad to say, not everyone enjoys casting from lovely moon-washed beaches or sun-drenched shores. And for these anglers, one of the most popular methods of fishing is to use the facilities of the many party boats leaving from just about every port along the south shore, stretching from Brooklyn to Montauk, and thence back along the north shore.

Most of these rugged craft are bottom fishing boats, manned by experienced, professional skippers and crews. Over the years, party boats have provided top-notch fishing for



Monster sharks like this 782 pound mako caught by Artie Hoerning, are always a possibility in Long Island waters.

untold thousands of happy, satisfied anglers.

Some party boats fish bays, some the Sound, some several miles offshore in the ocean proper. A few make longer journeys far offshore, leaving one day and returning the next. To spend a day on the water with party boat professionals and their "regulars" is to enjoy fishing at its best. It is something that isn't soon forgotten.

For the angler who likes specialized fishing and super service, charter boats are available wherever good fishing is found. During the season, the demand for charter boats is high and it sometimes seems there are more of these particular craft plying Long Island's waters than anywhere on the East Coast. Arrangements for fishing aboard these boats can be made in advance for any type fishing desired. Like party boat skippers, charter boat captains have great reputations for bringing home the fish.

Then for the angler who would rather fish sheltered water with a buddy or two, Long Island abounds with fishing stations—all spotted around every good fishing area. These stations supply large, comfortable, ruggedly-constructed skiffs, plus all bait and tackle required for a fun-filled day of fishing. Rest rooms and ample parking are always available and many have the convenience of hot coffee and sandwiches—a plus on those chilly days.

That old saying of strangers in a strange land surely applies to fishermen making their first trip to unknown fishing stations. But these gentlemen need have no fears, for the station's owners are only too happy to pinpoint the latest hotspots. As with good charter and party boat skippers, these station operators won't con an unsuspecting fisherman. If there are fish to be had, they'll let it be known; if fishing is slow, they won't hesitate to say so. (Why not? If the fishing turns out to be super, everyone's happy; if it's mediocre, it's been more or less expected...and few "grumpy Guses" to knock the poor guy who's trying to make a living, even as you and I.)

I don't know what we fishermen would do without Long Island's bait and tackle shops. Bait needed for any fish in season is always on tap, and here, too, are often found large selections of the latest and best in the tackle maker's art. It is here, too, where veteran fishermen meet and swap information. Next to joining a fishing club (which is highly recommended), fishermen will find no better source of last minute information than that available at tackle shops.

These businessmen have been serving Long Island fishermen for years and there isn't a thing on the subject of rods, reels, terminal tackle and the best places to fish, that these fellows can't answer. With little exception, these enterprising businessmen are fishermen themselves and what news is passed on is honest and up-to-date.

Want a custom built rod to suit your style of fishing? These are the boys to see. Want a reasonably priced rod, one that won't fold under the strain of an outsized fish? They've got it and you may be sure it will give the years of satisfactory service you have a right to expect.

Be advised to find a tackle shop with the homey, attractive atmosphere you find comfortable, then become "one of the boys" and see your fishing prowess increase. It can go no other way but up.

All the above are reasons why Long Island's sparkling, sunlit waters are difficult to resist. Often teeming with fish, they beg and beckon the working man (or woman) to forget workaday cares and gather up tackle and spend a day pursuing man's favorite sport.

If you're not already a dyed-in-the-wool fisherman and just wetting your feet, so to speak, not only will you quickly discover why Long Island is a fisherman's paradise come true, but it won't be long before you'll hear fish beating a tattoo in your bucket. Try it. You'll be convinced.

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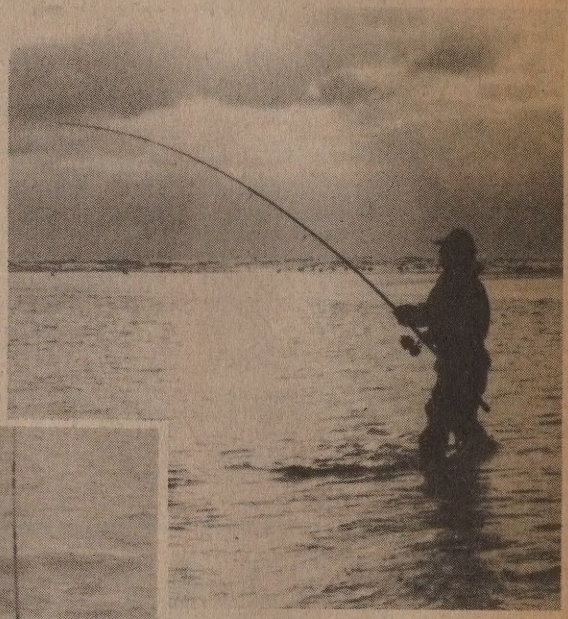

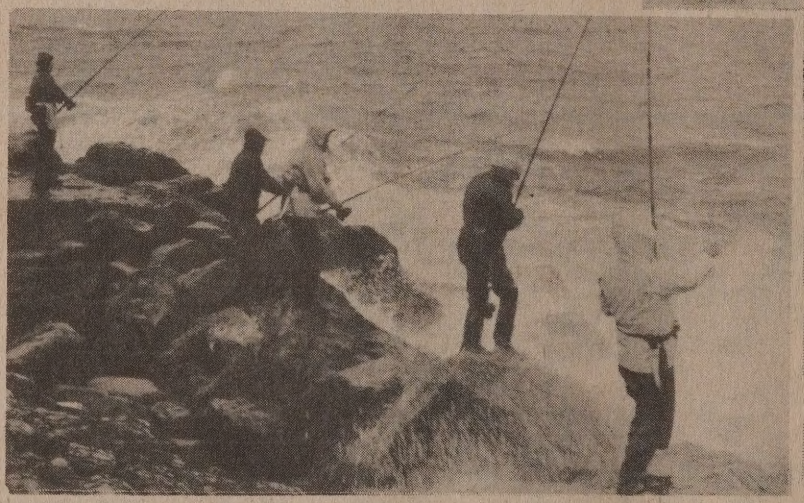

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FIRE! THE CURSE OF THE NIGHTTIME SURF

by Frank Daignault

Dark nights it is the saltwater fisherman's curse when it glows in the breaking waves. Or, every slight motion in your lure is magnified and accented as it tips the glowing plankton. Worse, your line glows right to the plug making it all too evident that what you are fishing is attached to something. It is unnatural, it looks wrong, the fish see it, you see it, and I HATE it!

Why wouldn't any surfcaster dislike the "fire," as it is called. These bioluminescent microorganisms can make a plug look the size of a canoe paddle and do nothing to help the fishing. And don't get the feeling that fire is unusual because during the warmer months you can have it every night, getting a rest from the stuff only on bright nights when the moon gives off so much light that it "appears" to be gone. Moreover, there are hundreds of species of phosphorescent plankton in the oceans of the world. Add to that the decaying organic material that exists naturally, and the brightness in the surf can get pretty bad.

We struggle to find it, but there are a few good things to be said. You sure as hell know that the fish are around when an average size striper follows your plug in, looming big like a sea monster—a canoe following the canoe paddle. Trouble is that all you are getting is a follow. You know where the fish are when glowing zings turn to take bait in the fire. And, I'm convinced that I can tell the bass from the bluefish by the way that they move in the fire. The blues have a faster scoot when feeding in the surf and seem to turn up slightly less fire with their movement. Outsize stripers are downright frightening; and a pipsqueak 20 incher can look awful big. Even the bait can turn up enough fire

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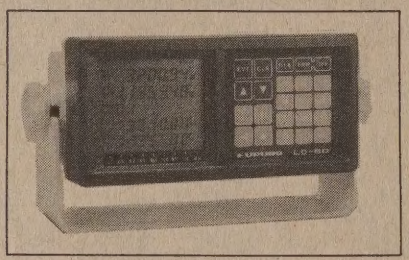

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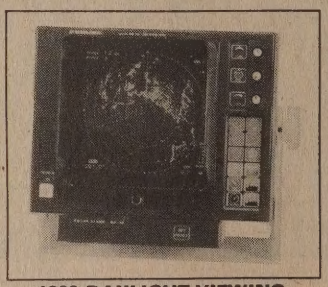

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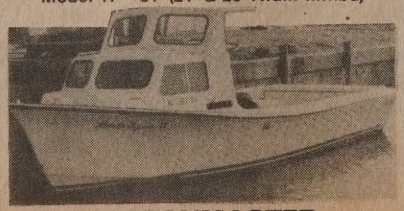

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to highlight themselves. And when the panicky little spears of sperling or sand eels are all dashing together, you can bet that you will see the illuminated "whoosh" of a striper or blue lunging at them within seconds.

How, then, do those who want to catch fish deal with this sparkling marine nuisance? The less fire that we turn up, the more subtle and effective our presentation. This means staying on the lighter side when choosing lines. Conventional reel fishermen should avoid braided line. Scale down the size of all lures and baits by using the smallest plugs possible. For instance, if you like the Rebel, RedFin, Rapala genre of swimmers, opt for the five inch models over the seven. Rigged eel fishermen should use smaller baits. I avoid all live baits, including eels, in these days of catch and release fishing. If you think about it, there are a number of things that we customarily have ahead of plugs that ought to be dropped because they turn up too much fire. Wire leaders look like a broom handle and ought to be removed in favor of the risk of having your line cut by bluefish. Part of the problem with these is that they have a barrel at one end and a snap at the other; more junk. The cutoff risk isn't that great because blues tend to bite from the rear. Even snap swivels are an emcumbrance to the subtle effect that we are trying to achieve: tie direct. Naturally, with the above in mind, teasers or droppers would be counter-productive. Both the teaser itself and the swivel it comes off of will collectively turn up as much glow as the main item that you're casting.

With all these microscopic animals drifting passively in the sea, the idea is to bump and upset as few as possible. Books say that their density can be as many as 500 to the inch. For that reason, this kind of fishing succeeds with less casts by leaving the plug out there and either minimizing its movement or slowing the retrieve just past a tight line. For one thing, existing current will usually give you all the plug motion you need; and you can gain a fish's attention more easily with fire because it so highlights the presence of the plug. I'm convinced that baitfish employ the same evasive maneuver because I have often found sperling and sand eels resting in the surface tension immobile—at least until something comes after them. We have taken many stripers and blues with swimmers dead resting on the top.

Earlier we touched upon the fact that fire's visible intensity is inversely proportional to light. Depending upon the intensity of a plankton bloom, a full or quarter moon will usually allay the condition. However, the wise surfcaster keeps in mind moon phase, knowing he is either going to lose his light with moonset or gain it at the rise in the moon. During the first quarter he should be thinking of peeling off extra terminal tackle in

anticipation of the moon going down sometime during the night; and, planning upon fishing any way he would like during the last quarter, when the moon rises during the night. Moreover, if fire is ruining the fishing at that time, it is liable to get mighty good once the moon comes up. Sometimes you can find unnatural light to put the fire out for you. On the Cape's Race and Highland Lights lighthouses, the seascape is so bathed in light for a few moments each revolution that the condition is mitigated drastically. Same holds true for downtown sea-walls that are usually well lighted. And bridges nearly always have enough street lights glowing over the water to dim the fire. While these lights are unnatural, they are constant and do more to lure game fish than keep them away.

It may be a little simplistic to even imply that the only consideration we surfmen have to worry about is fire. With or without the stuff, other variables have to be taken into account. For instance, if there are many fish competing, our errors in turning up these microorganisms are less likely to be an influence; and if feeding has been lean, the fire will matter less. Indeed, for all the nights ruined, there have been many when we were panting at the buggy from the blitz we had. But that was not because of, it was in spite of.

The bioluminescence has generated more than its share of both fairy-lore and fear. Time was, say 25 years ago, when we believed that the stuff was pollution. Fact is that it can be found in both the most polluted and clean waters of New England. However, we do not know if water quality is a factor with some of the many species or no consideration at all with any of them. Also, in those days, as strapping young men who feared nothing, we never wanted to admit how spooky the stuff made us feel. One time at Mill Gut (Colt Drive, Bristol) my brother, Norman, who was way out on the mussel beds at full tide, just started running for no apparent reason. This is not easy when the water is two inches from the top of your waders. Poor Norm, when confronted about his apparently irrational behavior later, said that he thought he saw something coming at him. My old buddy Gillie used to want to farm the whole beach, saying that if we spread out our collective chance of finding the bass was greater. Yet, nights when the **Pyrodinium** were bumping each other from horizon to high water he would fish under my casting arm. I once told him that if he was going to spend the night with me the least he could do was take me out to dinner. We had one guy on the Cape, muscles rippling under his Marine Corps tattoo, who would suit up with waders and foul weather gear on a flat night yet fish ankle deep when the waves of sparkling fireworks were about. I would have asked him if his waders leaked, but a slightly statured Frenchman was not a thing he feared.

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LOCAL HOTSPOTS: NEW YORK BIGHT

Part Two—by Terry Maltese

Last week we began our look at the New York Bight. Today we will leave the vicinity of the inlet and cover some other locations in the Bight. Some of these spots are quite popular and more importantly, provide some superb fishing.

Located a short distance from the Breezy Point Jetty is Ambrose Channel. This channel runs from the Verrazano Bridge to Ambrose Tower and is quite popular for trolling and jigging bluefish. On a good day plenty of fishermen can be seen here tossing tins and trolling umbrellas on wire. Ambrose Channel is also a very popular fluke spot.

Located southwest of the center of Ambrose Channel is Sandy Hook, New Jersey. South of Sandy Hook are the Atlantic Highlands. As with Ambrose Channel, fishermen can be seen trolling and jigging for blues and drifting for fluke along Sandy Hook and the Highlands. Last season Sandy Hook was the scene of some truly terrific fluke fishing. In late July and August of last season there were loads of good sized fluke within casting distance of the small buoys which mark Sandy Hook's swimming zone.

Now that we have covered most of the inshore spots in the Bight, we will begin to discuss some hotspots which are a bit further offshore. We will head southeast of the jetty and work our way further and further offshore. Each year more and more fishermen travel to these locations to battle large blues, sharks, tuna, bonito, albacore and more.

First on our list is Ambrose Tower, which is located 7 miles southeast of the Breezy Point jetty. On a clear day that horse-shaped tower can be seen from quite a distance. Schools of good sized bluefish can often be found cruising the water near the tower. This is especially true late in the season. Fishermen take bluefish here via a number of methods. I have found that the best method for taking these choppers here at the tower is to anchor up, chum and baitfish. Bunker and butterfish are the most commonly used baits. They can be fished whole or cut into chunks. We generally chunk the bunker and use the whole butterfish.

Rigging for this type of fishing is quite simple. We use 6/0 Sproat or Beak hooks on a 5 or 6 inch wire leader. The line is tied directly to the swivel, which is at the end of the wire leader. Usually no sinker is needed. However, when the water is a little rough or the fish are a bit deep, a small rubber core sinker may be used.

Located a few miles south of Ambrose Tower is an area known as 17 Fathoms. This patch of water marks the beginning of the famous Mud Hole. 17 Fathoms is a very popular bluefish spot. A number of fishermen travel to 17 Fathoms to chum and bait big blues. During various intervals throughout the season, party boats can be found jigging for blues here. During the spring and fall the rock piles and wrecks in 17 Fathoms offer some good blackfishing. In early June of this season we located a spot in 17 Fathoms which was loaded with big ling.

Located in the southern portion of 17 Fathoms, 7 miles south of Ambrose Tower, is the BA buoy. For those of you with a Loran, the BA buoy is located at 26875 and 43630. This buoy has become a reference point for many fishermen. One can often hear fishermen explaining the location of fish in relation to the BA buoy. Over the last few seasons we have had quite a few exceptionally good trips in the vicinity of the BA buoy. We have caught huge blues, sharks, bonito and albacore within sight or sound (the buoy gongs) of the BA buoy.

Last season we had quite a few terrific days of bluefishing near the BA. We also caught quite a few sharks a few miles east of the BA. These sharks were mostly browns and duskies from 50 to 250 lbs. They were by no means monsters, but we often found them in good numbers and on the proper tackle they can certainly put up a good fight.

Due to the size of these fish, standard

shark equipment should be scaled down a bit. We usually use 4/0 outfits and never go higher than 6/0s. Baits should also be scaled down a bit. We use bluefish fillets, whole bunker, whole mackerel, or mackerel fillets. We have also had success using whole bunker without the head. Don't use a whole 5 lb. bluefish or a full fillet from a 15 lb. bluefish. These sharks won't have any problem devouring these large baits, but these baits will minimize your chances of a good hook-up.

Over the past few seasons we have caught some bonito and albacore in this area. The most effective method for taking these fish is to chum and fish a whole fresh spearing on a small short-shanked tuna hook. These fish have a reputation for being line shy and it is very important to use light line and no leader.

A few miles south of the BA buy is an area known as the Farms. From a fishing standpoint, this area is quite similar to 17 Fathoms. The Farms is a popular spot for late summer fishermen pursuing big blues, bonito and albacore.

The Farms as well as 17 Fathoms and the BA vicinity contain a number of wrecks. Beside the bottom dwellers, these wrecks often provide some good bluefishing and sharking. Anchoring over or drifting near one of these wrecks often proves to be rather productive. A laminated card containing Loran numbers for 60 wrecks and reefs in the New York Bight/Long Island area can be obtained by sending $5 to De Mapo Enterprises, 1204 Avenue U, Suite 1231, Brooklyn, NY 11229.

Located further south and deeper in the Mud Hole is the famous Arundo Wreck, which will be the last location we cover. The Dutch freighter Arundo was sunk in 1942 by a torpedo fired from a German submarine. It now rests on the ocean floor approximately 25 miles from the Rockaway Inlet at approximately 26796.9 and 43534.8.

The Arundo provides anglers with quite a variety of activity. Bottom dwellers such as cod, blackfish, and sea bass are only a small portion of the fish which inhabit the Arundo and its surrounding area. Schools of bluefish, bonito, and albacore can often be found in the vicinity of this wreck. Various species of sharks may also be found patrolling this area. Last August fishermen caught a number of school bluefin and yellowfin tuna in the 20 to 100 lb. range in the vicinity of the Arundo. These fish were taken by baitfishermen using butterfish and by trollers. The Arundo's opportunities don't end here. In the fall, giant tuna enter this area.

This concludes our summary of the New York Bight. The New York Bight clearly provides anglers with a vast array of fishing opportunities. When fishermen discuss special fishing locations, Montauk and other East End hotspots are often mentioned, but today we've taken a look at some super West End locations.

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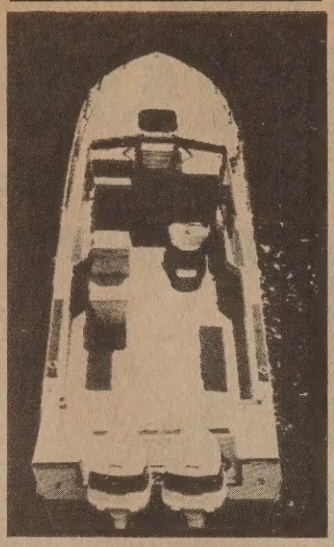

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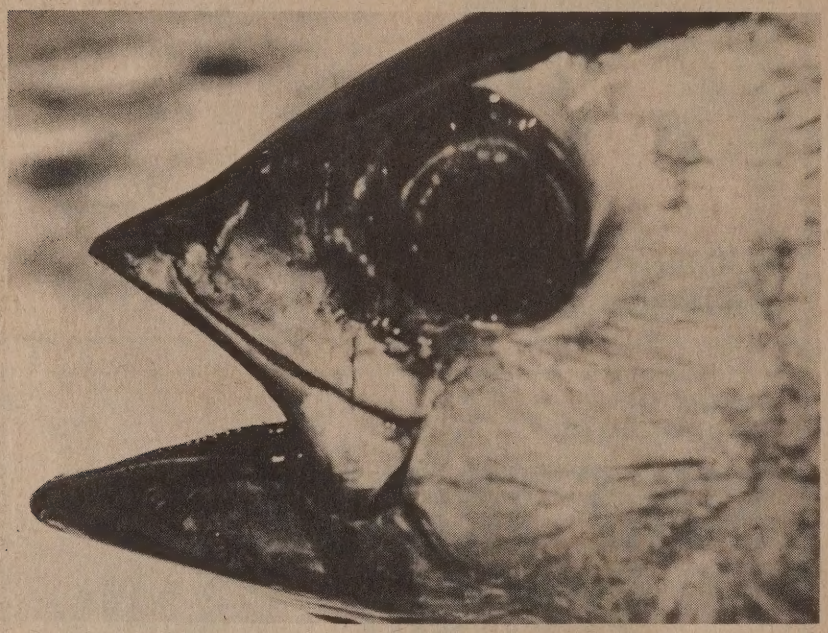
TUNA BEHAVIOR

Part One—by Capt. Al Anderson



On this morning as we approached the Tuna Bank south and east of Block Island, the sky was overcast and the ocean surface glassy calm. It looked like I had a good chance to repeat yesterday's success with today's part on board my charter boat. Throttling back as we closed on the "numbers," light action trolling rods were readied, operation of the lever drag reels quickly reviewed and vinyl skirted lures were sent into the wake. There was no problem sensing the excitement and anticipation of the party with the "get ready."

Up ahead, Storm Petrels ("Chicken") were working over slicks of a very prominent tide rip. Once across this rip, the Furuno color vision fathometer exploded into various colors, and the shouts of "fish on" could be heard. Ten minutes later, idling along, this last fish of three hooked still had a good amount of line out and was almost straight down. With that clue, I asked that two, 6 foot light action rods, with serious line capacity 4/0 Penn Senators, be removed from the overhead. Loaded with 40 lb. test mono, a "chunky style" 4 ounce diamond jig with 5/0 S.S. Siwash style hook, was readied.

The first two fish boated, Atlantic bonito, went quickly into the well below deck. Within several minutes, "color" could be seen and I gave instructions to apply only enough pressure to keep the fish swimming along. Putting the boat into a hard turn on the side of the angler, I returned to the transom and peered into the wake. About 20 feet down could be seen a school bluefin tuna of about 24 to 26 lbs., solidly connected to the angler bent over the corner of the transom. And, as I had guessed, there were about another dozen or so of his cousins following slightly behind and beneath. As the party watched intently, I flicked the diamond jig overboard and watched it glint as it fluttered down. The pre-marked length of line passed through the rod tip, and with that I put the reel into gear. With only several easy jigging motions, a school bluefin "locked on," and the rod was passed off. With that demonstration, the second outfit soon had another fish on, and this first fish was then quickly brought aboard. The procedure was repeated twice more and then it was over.

"Hey, captain, I've never seen anything like that before. And I still can't believe I actually saw that school of fish swimming along with the one I had hooked. It was like watching fish swim in an aquarium."

"Well, we might have caught another couple of fish if it hadn't been for that last one coming off the hook."

"You mean that as long as we keep one member of the school swimming along down deep, the others will follow along?"

"That seems to be the way they behave and if you lose that hooked fish, they're gone."

"How come we didn't try this technique last year when we came for yellowfin and albacore?"

"In my experience I have never observed the tight schooling behavior when you have an albie or yellowfin under the boat. And needless to say, I've tried the same tactics for these without any luck. Whatever the reason, diamond jigging seems to work on the Atlantic bonito, false albacore and bluefin tuna. The schooling behavior in bluefin, in fact, is so strong that while fighting several giant tuna, I've observed other fish similar in size swimming along with the one hooked. In fact, so closely, they have bumped into the line."

The word tuna could mean any one of the 13 species of the tribe **Thunnini** within the family **Scombridae**. Of these, we commonly see 6 different ferent species in our coastal waters. The tunas include the bigeye, bluefin, false albacore, skipjack tuna, yellowfin and longfin albacore. In the bonito tribe (Sardini), we commonly see the Atlantic or "green bonito."

Water temperature: On this particular day in mid-September, ocean water temperatures had changed only slightly from the previous day's. However, we had recently experienced cool and windy weather, with a resultant drop in sea surface temperature. Let a cold front sweep down from Canada, with cool northwest breezes and conditions change quickly. In late August, with yellowfin and albacore inside the 35 fathom curve, a drop of several degrees can be responsible for their departure. The behavior of these highly visual predators is closely tied to sea water temperature and water clarity. More on that later. The thermal preferences for most oceanic pelagics are well documented.

Recently, a new series of near shore sea surface temperature charts are being made available by Marine Climatology Investigation (MCI), NMFS/NOAA, Narragansett, RI 02882, to interested parties. These charts illustrate contours of sea surface temperature in degrees centigrade, derived from infrared satellite data. A centigrade-farenheit conversion table is printed on each chart and covers basically, seaward to the Continental Shelf from Nova Scotia to the Delmarva peninsula. Armed with this information, albeit several days old, critical decisions can be made in determining the success of a day's offshore fishing.

Swimming Levels: Back on the "numbers," with Storm Petrels working over the slicks, rod tips bend over and reel drag washers begin to heat up, as both false albacore and Atlantic bonito jump on feathered and vinyl skirted lures presented in the fourth and fifth waves astern.

At my side, a member of the party intently views the Furuno color fish finder and casually remarks, "What looks like fish and bait are all above 50 feet. From there on down, nothing."

It's my opinion, and I can be wrong, but we rarely see false albacore, oceanic bonito, and Atlantic bonito in other than the upper levels of the water column. However, not so for other members of the tuna tribe. School bluefin tuna are commonly caught also in upper levels; giants throughout the water column. True longfin albacore are also caught in upper levels, rarely at depths below 40 to 50 feet, with yellowfin tuna somewhat similar to bluefin; that is, smaller fish in the upper levels, with larger fish swimming throughout deeper levels of the water column.

Today it looks like this area of the ocean has a good concentration of bait, a distinct thermal gradient, with most of the bonitos and tunas swimming in the middle and bottom levels of the surface mixed layer. In this situation, trolling and jigging are very effective techniques.

With a good number of Atlantic bonito and perhaps a dozen school bluefin in the wells, trolling rods are set aside and replaced with somewhat lighter diamond jigging rods.

"What's up, captain?"

"I want to try a drift, as there is little or no wind, and give jigging a try. We'll fish four rods, lines are pre-measured and with a hook-up, follow your fish around the gunnel. Remember, an easy jigging motion is the key to success."

With the 3 and 4 ounce diamonds fluttering up and down at approximately 40 feet down, it wasn't long before all had a bite.

Lifted aboard, two false albacore beat a staccato, were quickly unhooked and "splashed" overboard.

"Not good eating," and "full of worms" were comments heard among the party. "Fun to catch."

"Hey, look at this. There must be at least four or five fish swimming along with the one I've got." A few minutes later, another school bluefin is boated, and another rod tip shows the strong "tail beat" of a bluefin.

On the way home, auto pilot engaged, with lookout assistance from the party, discussion turns to tuna behavior.

"I've done quite a bit of diamond jigging over the years and Captain Michael Potts, Bluefin IV, out of Montauk, was probably the individual most responsible in stimulating my efforts on tuna." Under the right conditions, bluefin tuna are suckers for a jig and I've even caught a couple of giant tuna that way. What intrigues me the most, however, is the fact I've had no success with this technique on true longfin albacore (Thunnus Alalunga) or yellowfin tuna (Thunnus albacares). It's quite possible that over the years I simply missed the right conditions to employ this technique, or some other factor is working to prevent our success.

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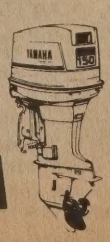

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THE HOOK UP: READY OR KNOT

by Brion Babbitt

Pure and simple, the selected hook and its attendant connection is the proverbial business end of any angler's fish fighting equipment. Proper preparation and deployment of the hook and matching knot is important for any quarry, but becomes ever more crucial as the targeted species increases in size. Opponents that sport other physical extremes such as razor-sharp teeth or rock-hard jaws, or have the fighting temperament akin to that of a pit bull terrier often make the task that much more difficult.

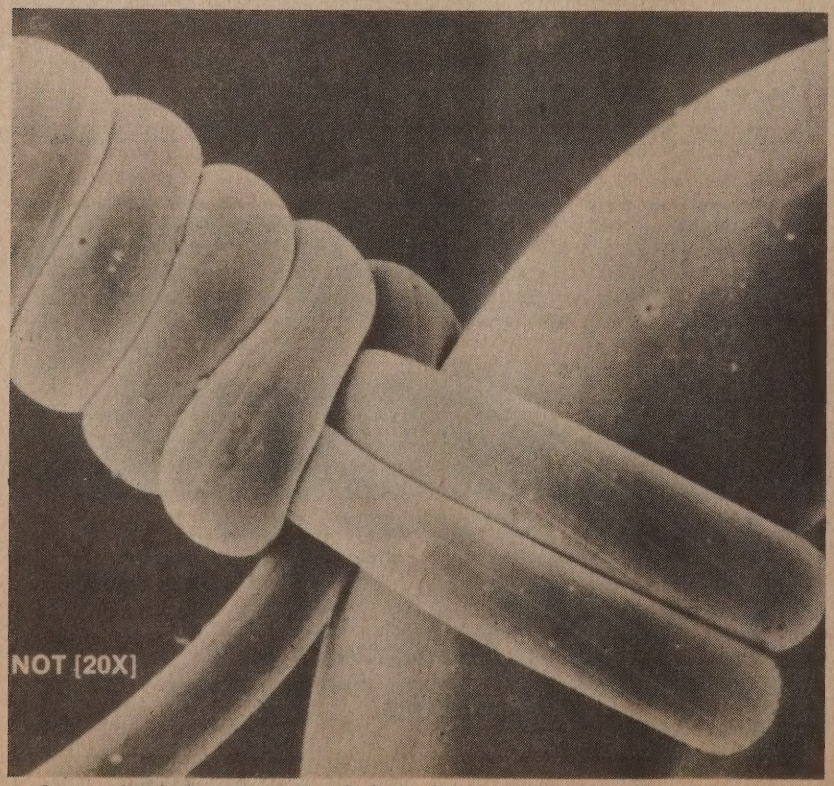
Any hook commonly used in saltwater, regardless of style or pattern, is an inferior hooking and holding agent at purchase. Not that the manufacturer is to blame, but rather the onus is on the purchaser to properly prepare and refine the hook's point and barb, perhaps along with the eye also to ensure success on the grounds. Anything less is no better than mediocre. Laziness and complacency take their toll and many of us can be rightfully accused of submitting to both.

The point and barb of most hooks are only approximate in configuration straight out of the box. Regardless of whether you use a standard mill file, sharpening stone, a type of sandpaper or polishing cloth, or a newer electrical sharpening device designed especially for hooks, the critical factor is to take time to sharpen and re-shape your hooks for precision use. Depending on the chore, the assignment may well take less than a minute to accomplish.

Focusing on the hook point, the surface is usually rough, if not burred, and lacks cutting edges. Generally, we'll re-shape the hook by running a file down the sides to produce a streamlined, smooth surface along the sides of the point. Stroke the point starting along the bend just behind the barb and running down the point tip. After you have sharpened a few hooks you'll learn the number of swipes required to achieve the necessary streamlining without over-thinning the point or creating burrs at the point tip. The idea is narrow the point for easier penetration into fish flesh, but not to structurally weaken the hook point. Naturally, different hook models and sizes will dictate the extent of smoothing required to reach a pattern's optimum shape.

Next, we'll shift attention to the lower side (opposite the barb side) of the hook point by stroking it, again from the bend just behind the barb and running to the point tip. The extent of re-surfacing here can range from merely de-burring the point's lower rounded surface with a few quick swipes, to actually producing two cutting edges by shaving the lower side flat. The two cutting edges are formed at the junctions of the bottom side of the hook point with each re-surfaced side of the point. Again, a weakened or burred point tip can occur rapidly with overzealous sharpening that is, once formed, somewhat difficult to remove.

Moving to the top of the hook point on each barb side, this surface is equally as irregular. Additionally, the barb may jut upwards at an unusually large angle from the point, which hampers flawless pinning of the barb deep within the fish's jaw. A barb that cannot be quickly and firmly planted with minimal force as it follows a well-sharpened point does little to augment a hooking agent as a **holding** device. Accordingly, such an obtrusive barb can be lowered on smaller hooks by a careful touch with needle-nose pliers, followed by prudent re-surfacing of the barb along with the topside of the point. On larger, big game hooks the barb can be ground with a file head at a 45 degree angle to the point to yield a flawless, smooth, angled surface that runs from the tip of the hook point to the end of the barb. To accomplish this, hold the hook upright (preferably locked in a vise or in a pair of locking jaw pliers) and make angled strokes over the barb from both sides of the hook. This will quickly produce a very sharp cutting edge along the top of the hook point that will greatly ease the amount of pressure necessary to pin the barb deep into an opponent's jaw tissue—even if the maw appears to be lined with nothing less than granite.



Good reliable knots result only from those carefully moistened, tied and slowly drawn up to form a tightly cinched connection. ***Photo courtesy of Berkley Trilene.***

And after grinding, the lower barb profile also provides less resistance to rapidly sinking into tough mouth flesh. We've found through years of use that lower barb profile does little to diminish the holding power of the refined hook. Once sunk, less barb height is needed to maintain proper position in the gamester than is commonly believed, and this includes even the most acrobatic of adversaries.

Another imperfect part of the hook's anatomy is the eye. We discovered this years ago when snelling some ringed eye hooks for black drum. In manufacturing many hooks, particularly those used on a variety of small to medium sized game, the eye is formed by simply cutting and bending the upper portion of the shank into a closed position. The problem occurs when the metal is snipped. Very often sharp burrs formed at the end on cutting will then be inside the eye after bending—directly where snelled line will lie as it passes through the upturned or downturned eye. This is a difficult problem and one that often escapes a fisherman's notice. Such burrs can easily chafe and damage the snelled line and, as I found out, start destruction to the line's surface during the snelling process, long before further deteriorating in actual use on the grounds.

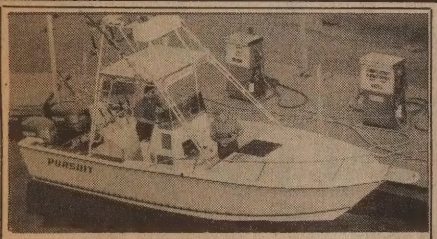
Depending on the size of the hook and its eye, the only way to deal with such burrs is to use a rattail file or a rolled up piece of sandpaper or polishing cloth to remove or smooth out any imperfections. Again, a vise or locking pliers is invaluable in holding the hook while you work, but the chore shouldn't consume much time overall once you've developed your technique in smoothing the errant rings.

Indeed, the hook is the immediate and direct link to your quarry, however, the manner in which it is attached to your line is certainly of no less importance. The best prepared hook in the world is of little value if the connecting knot suffers by comparison. A good approach to knot tying is to learn a few tried and true connections that cover a wide variety of angling applications. A huge repertoire of fishing knots is impressive and it does cover all possible situations encountered in the saltwater angling world. But such is certainly not necessary to ensure good success when fishing. What is required, however, is a solid mastery of a half-dozen or so connections that easily solve most dilemmas. And the key is to be able to tie these well—very well, in fact. Learn the standard techniques for attaching lures, forming loops and joining running line to leader and practice them. Carefully study each step for producing a given knot and refine your ability to precisely create the chosen connection.

Knots should be wrapped carefully and drawn slowly in forming the desired configuration. Knots are easier to tie when moistened, so the line's draw-up surfaces should be lubricated. A fast cinch-up can cause harmful, frictional, local heating of the line material and concurrent weakening of the connection. But Berkley researchers have cautioned for years against saliva, since some persons saliva can reportedly damage monofilament.

Research on knot tying and a knot's failure under loading has shown that knots slip just before giving way. That's why it's critical to tightly cinch up a knot using a slow, steady technique that allows the knot to properly form. Knots that do not shape up correctly should be retied and tested in the angler's hands. Make sure, for example, that the improved clinch knot you just tied has the requisite minimum number of five wraps to optimize strength. Few connections maintain the rated strength of the standing line, thus an inferior knot only further degrades the integrity of the selected link. And exercise care in trimming the tag end—a nicked or abraded knot is of little value even if properly executed in tying.

The hook and connecting knot is the vital link in your arsenal to subduing the desired quarry. Precise, proper preparation of both is crucial to consistent success on the fishing grounds with game fish of all sizes.



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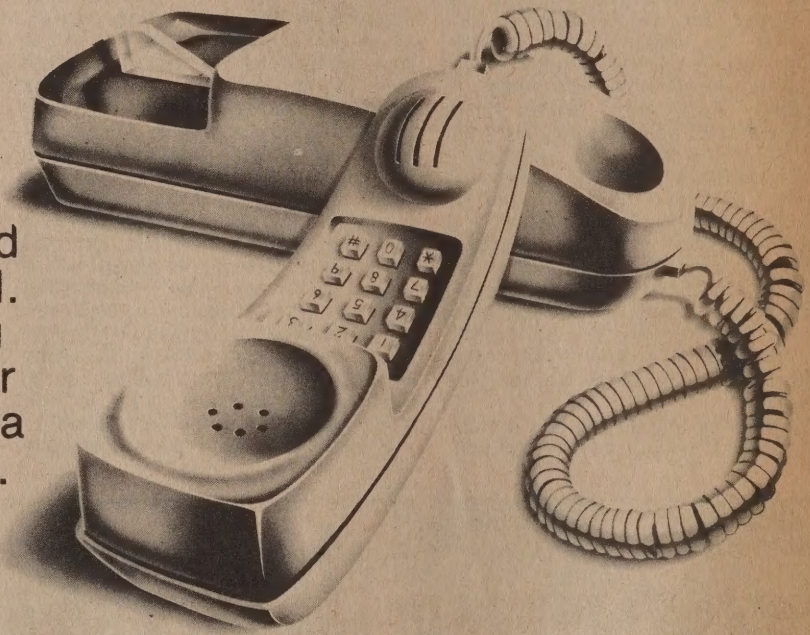

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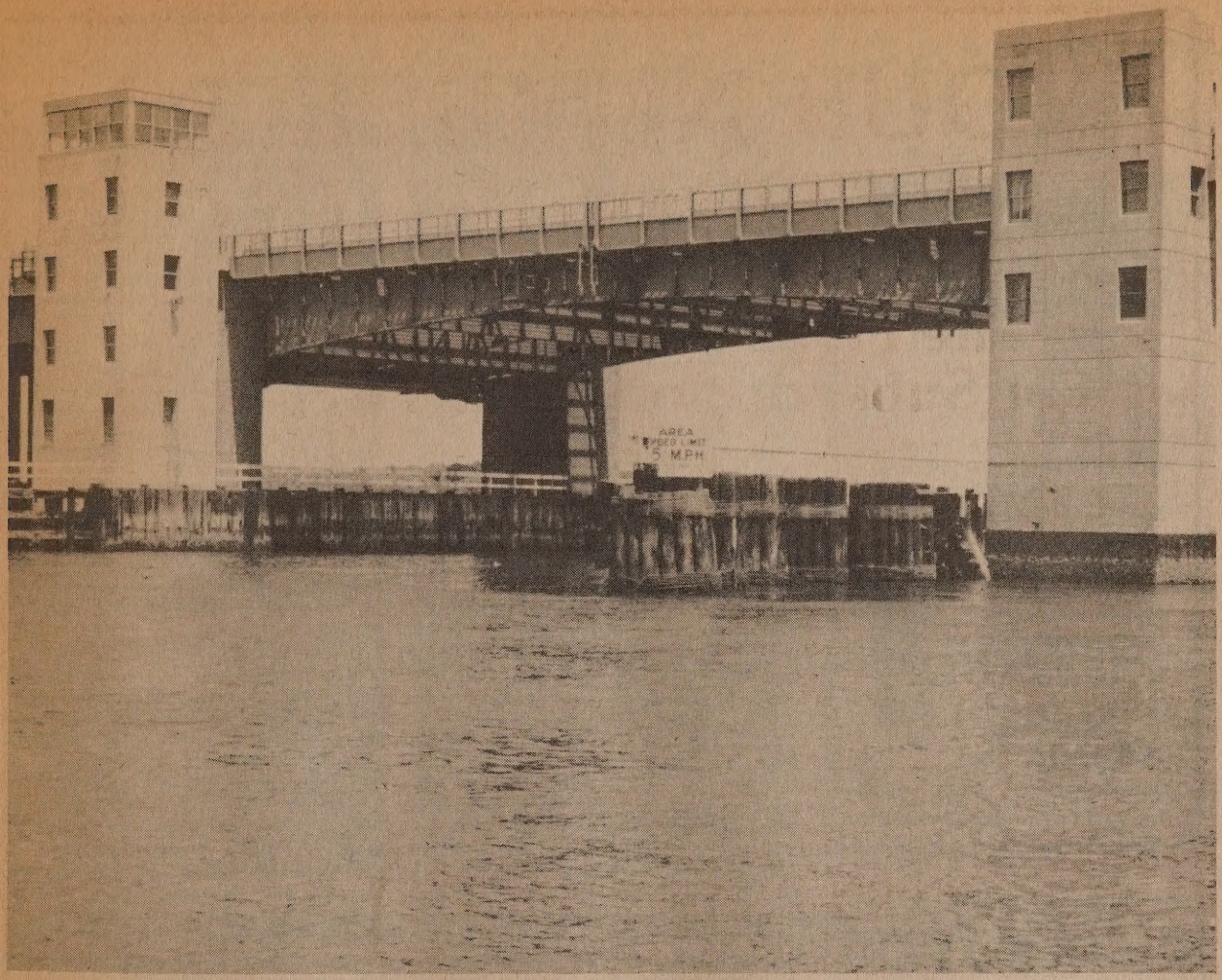

TOPSIDE TIDERUNNERS

by Vincent Badame

Twenty-five years have passed since my first encounter with the "vampire fish" we all know as weakfish. Peering down from a bridge at night, the hooked weak's eyes glow like green emeralds; also canine teeth which remind me of Count Dracula!

Another term that is heard of quite often, describing adult weakfish's habit of following the tide's flow, is tiderunner.

The first weakfish I landed was from an old bridge in Queens connecting Howard Beach to Broad Channel. In those early years, the weakfish had to be walked to shore and beached. As lifting them out of the water onto the bridge would result in losing all but a rare few. Most hefty tiderunners still managed to gain freedom during the maneuvers needed in beaching them.

Today, weakfish have made surprising comebacks due to successful spawnings in the early 70s and limited commercial pressures have helped. At the present time, if fishermen do not release some of the catch, perhaps we may have to wait decades for the weakfish to rebound again.

As of late, the Peconic Bay's population of weakfish has diminished due to heavy commercial and recreational pressures. Those so-called "anglers" destroyed the spawning stock by overfishing. Now only a handful of adult fish remain. Even the lightest fishing pressure will affect their survival while spawning inside the bay.

Jamaica Bay and other areas still have healthy populations of weaks, and local fishermen do not overharvest the majority of adult spawners. Anglers here have learned to release possible future spawners so other fishermen can enjoy good weakfishing in seasons to come.

Heavy daytime boat traffic from Memorial to Labor Day, drives weakfish into deeper water for safety. But when dusk turns into night and boat traffic thins out, weakfish move into shallower waters to feed. During quiet summer or fall nights, back bays or inlets play host to large schools of feeding fish.

Weakfish's diet varies from mossbunker to tiny cinder worms or grass shrimp. Since grass shrimp is hard to come by in bait shops, and marine worms are not as large nor as cheap as years past, cut bait is the popular choice.

The most plentiful baitfish around is the mossbunker or bunker for short. Preparing bunker for bait can present a problem in some vicinities. Chunks, strips or whole sides (we refer to as fillets) should produce more strikes. Bridge anglers usually fish two rods

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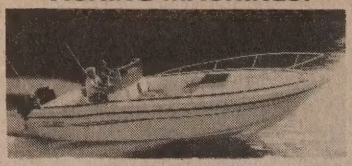

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to see which cut bait works better. As a rule, strips work best in narrow deep channels. For as bunker strips sink, they flutter which attracts weakfish in the area.

In the tackle department, spinning or conventional reels spooled with 200 yards of 20 or 25 pound mono is standard bridge gear. Medium heavy action rods under 7 feet would be sufficient should any bluefish or striper wander in for a bunker snack, too.

Some advice is needed here dealing with the equipment needed. Forget graphite rods for bait fishing weakfish. As the stiffness will tear the hook from the jaw of a fighting weak, fiberglass is the way to go with these soft jawed fish. Being more flexible it gives more, causing less chance of the hook tearing free.

You may question why use such heavy monofilament? Casting up to 10 ounces of weight, lighter mono would snap under the pressure generated during casting. There are hazards fishing off bridges, such as bulkhead pilings that can fray your line. Nicks may go undetected until a fish makes a quick lunge and pop! Or that big "once in a lifetime" fish heads under the bridge and you cannot completely stop it for fear of tearing the hook free. You tug-of-war it under the bridge and lighter test would not hold up long this way. This is where 25 pound test comes in. By the time the fish is tired, some spots of your damaged mono might snap at 10 pound pull. Lighter monofilament would have popped long before that. Also, do not set your reel's drag heavier than 5 pound pull or a damaged portion of your mono might snap under the strain of larger weaks.

If you have in mind using heavier than 25 pound test monofilament, I suggest you do not. Thicker heavier mono does not cast far or too well; more sinker weight will be needed to hold bottom in swift currents, and the reel's drag shouldn't be tightened more than 5 pound pull or lip hooked weaks might tear free. Don't worry about weakfish (blues or stripers, for that matter) taking all your reel's line off. Big tiderunners may make some 30 foot runs, but are pretty well knocked out afterwards.

While playing your fish, don't horse the fish to the bridge if it has fight left. Let the weak tire itself out, away from the bridge and its hazards. Pull back slowly with your rod and pump the weakfish to you with no sudden yanks. This will help to keep the fish hooked.

Some fishermen use circle hoop nets they lower to the water and guide the weak into its opening. Others favor weighted gaff hooks attached to cotton nylon rope to snag their weakfish. Use this device if you intend to keep weaks, for the fish won't survive.

For releasing your weakfish off a bridge or pier, grab your main line, with fish still in water, and pull back hard. Lip hooked fish will tear free and return another day or year. Handling any fish, would cause fungus to grow on its skin and in time would kill the fish.

While on the topic of releasing weakfish or any fish, for that matter. Recently, numerous fishermen have been using treble hooks for baitfishing. Most fish cannot be released because a lot are gut hooked, so only use them as a last resort. That also includes stainless steel hooks too! Bronzed hooks are better for these hooks will rust in two or three days and cause no fish any harm except going hungry for the time. I feel very sorry for those poor game fish who swim off with stainless hooks. More than likely, it will die a slow death due to that hook. It's just like a human who has an abscessed tooth and most know how that feels. Game fish that put up fantastic battles deserve something better from us fishermen.

Now, on to terminal weakfish rigs. In the hook selection, I have found the old O'Shaughnessy hook to work best with bunker strips or fillets. Mustad made a bronze model (#3406) in size 7/0. The longer point and larger barb of this hook makes for faster penetration in the soft jawed mouth of weaks. An additional feature of the long shank helps in keeping fillets or strips straight on the hook, looking natural.

Tying your own hooks isn't much of a problem. All that is needed is 25 pound test in leader material and the ability to tie a basic Unit-Knot or Clinch to the hook's eye. And on the leader's end, Perfection Loop or Surgeon's Knot. (See "Knots to You," Feb. 2, 1984 Fisherman.)

Make the leader on each hook about 30 inches long, so this way the weakfish eyeballing the bait doesn't notice your sinker nearby.

Since I am not interested in landing blues while weakfishing, the mono leader is cut by most chopper blues; sometimes not, but this is rare. If the blues are thick, attach 10 inches of 30 pound black nylon covered wire between your hook and leader. This might help in not spooking possible weaks, mixed in with the blues, from grabbing your baited hook. Keeping line twist to a minimum, plus changing hooks, clip on some quality ball bearing snap swivel to the leader's loop end. This will also keep your fish finder sinker swivel from sliding down on top of your baited hook.

Four ounce bank sinker (if the current is swift, use 6 ounce pyramid) on the sliding fish finder swivel helps to eliminate weakfish from feeling the sinker dragging along the bottom on a pick-up of your baited hook. Another trick I've learned, the hard way I might add, is the use of a short shank hook with bunker chunks.

When the blues leave an area littered with bunker pieces behind, weaks move right in to feast on only chunks. A lot of fish picked up my fillets, but spit the bait right back out. Weakfish like to roll a piece of chunk bunker in their mouths to remove

most of the scales. Next comes the mashing up of the solid chunk so swallowing isn't a problem. This can be nerve-wracking to the fisherman waiting on the other end of the fishing line. Once the weak feels a hard object on the bait, it is rejected fast!

A good hook to use during this fussy feeding time is Eagle Claw's bronzed #80 in size 8/0. Because of the short shank, the hook can be hidden better inside a piece of chunked bunker. Larger tiderunners didn't get so big from not being cagey most of the time!

Remember to scale your bunker before cutting, for if scales get stuck on the hook's point, it will not penetrate into the soft weakfish's jaw.

I must add here before going on, sharpen all new or usable hooks. A sharper hook will not tear too big a hole when you strike back. Even new ones, boxed factory fresh, should be filed sharp, for hook manufacturers do not take the added step of needle pointing their hooks during production.

Also on setting the hook. Don't sweep your rod like you're trying to hit a home run. One steady, long sweep will drive the hook home. Keeping rod presure also will drive the hook's barb in deeper.

Locating productive weakfish areas may take some searching, but here are some spots you might want to try. In Queens, all of Jamaica Bay's bridges, shorelines around Reynold's Channel in Atlantic Beach (especially near the Magnolia Blvd. Pier) and near Jones Beach's Meadowbrook or Wantagh bridges. One thing. Any boat traffic at night can kill weakfish's appetites quickly. Find an area void of traffic.

With safety's sake in mind, the North Channel Bridge in Howard Beach, Queens offers teenagers a place to fish overnight and can be easily reached by bus or train. Coming from Queens, take the Q11 Greenline Bus south on Woodhaven Blvd. to Liberty Avenue. Ask for a transfer and take the Q41. This bus will leave you off outside an amusement park. You will be two blocks away from the bridge. There are two tackle shops nearby if you need some tackle. In the same area there are restaurants which stay open quite late for business.

By train, take the "A" or "CC" to the Rockaway Blvd./Liberty Ave. stop and take downstairs, the Q41 bus. There is another bus at night called the Q21. There are nine buses that run between 8 to 10:45 PM Monday to Saturday. This bus has a stop before going over the bridge or you can take it to bridge's southside parking lots and exit off. If you miss the last bus (Q41 or 21) at 10:45PM, take the Q11 to Pitkin Ave. You will be eight blocks from the bridge.

When staying all night (after midnight, no buses are running anyway) the first bus is a shuttle Q11 that stops outside the Surfside Hotel at 6AM, Monday to Friday. To keep yourself happy (plus the bus drivers), try taking the first bus to beat the rush hour morning crowds. This bus heads from the bridge north until the Queens Blvd. Shopping Mall.

Transporting your catch be sure to take along a big plastic bag and cloth sack. Your fish is put into the plastic bag (tying the top) and slipped inside cloth sack. This makes everything neat and there will be no angry bus driver to contend with on your way home.

Since you will be using public transportation, it's important that you pack away hooks, knife, tie your rods together, etc., from possibly injuring fellow passengers.

As mentioned before, 7 foot rods or two piece sticks will be needed if public transportation is to be used. Longer poles will cause boarding troubles for all concerned.

Some of the above bridges are illegal to fish from but as long as you do not fish in the middle of the boat channels, making a nuisance of yourself, local authorities allow access for fishing.

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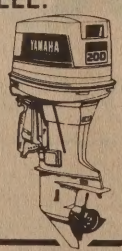

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FAR OUT FLUKE

by Gerald Hahn

Most fluke fishermen are content to try various bays on the south shore or the shallow regions of Long Island Sound for small fish and lots of shorts. On a typical day, the sun sparkles on glassy water rippled only by a fleet of drift fishermen. If the day is productive, an experienced bay fisherman will hook as many as 40 fluke. The problem is, however, that for every legal sized (over 14 inches) fluke caught, three will have to be released. And even the "keepers" barely pass the minimum size limit. Once in awhile, though, a larger specimen is taken in these waters.

Yet there are larger fluke around—speciments weighing 3 to 5 pounds and the occasional doormat over 10 pounds. There are not many of them, but the ones you catch are quality fish. Most people who pursue large fluke board a party boat on eastern Long Island. The boats take them to such places as Montauk's North Rips, Shagwong, Gin Beach and Ditch Plains. On the north shore, Horton's Point has been a producer for party boats during the last few years as well. Occasionally, a fluke boat in the west end may try an artificial reef or a wreck for big fluke. Anglers who prefer to explore on their own, and who have access to a boat that can handle these rough waters, can cash in on this opportunity. Indeed, there are even some boat rental stations at Montauk that have larger boats for this purpose.

On one trip with a friend who owns a 25 foot Steiger powered by a 200 hp Mercury outboard, we explored Montauk's south side. It was late summer, an excellent time to try for fluke of any size, because the fish feed heavily at this time before heading back to the Continental Shelf. Working our way slowly around Montauk Point's turbulent currents, we then headed back west along the Atlantic, about 1/2 mile from shore.

Although tackle and rigs must be heavier than for bay fishing, the fishing method is essentially the same. The idea is to head to the up-current side of a potential spot and then drift across it. When you catch a fish, you indicate the spot by dropping a marker buoy over the side, or you take a range by noting pertinent

landmarks in the vicinity.

On party boats, a 30 pound class outfit is standard for catching large fluke. On a private vessel, you can scale down the tackle to 15 pound class. Conventional gear, consisting of a medium action 6 foot rod matched with a reel such as the Penn 109 MS levelwind is about right for this kind of fishing. It is better than spinning gear of comparable size, because you have better line control in the ocean and a more sensitive "feel."

Rigs for big fluke, of course, should be heavier than for fishing in a shallow bay. Sinker weight generally starts at 5 ounces and may extend to 8 ounces. If you need more weight than this, you shouldn't be out there. A typical rig consists of a 4/0 Beak or Carlisle hook snelled to a 3 foot—preferably a 4 foot—leader of 40 pound test. A three-way swivel with a wire clip for the bank sinker is tied to the end of the running line with an improved clinch knot. Thus one eyelet holds the wire clip and sinker, the second one holds fast to the running line and the third receives the snelled hook. Two-hook (hi-low) rigs should be avoided here. The swirling currents will create tangles. The rig may be modified, however, with a stinger hook for securing large baits fore and aft.

Large sand eels measuring 8 or 9 inches, or spearing or smelt, are put in service here. To secure the baitfish at both ends, the stinger hook, a 2/0 or 3/0 Beak, is added. This hook is snelled to a short leader of 40 pound test and the other end of the leader is tied to the eyelet of the first hook with an improved clinch knot. It is best to prepare these rigs in advance, adjusting the stinger hook so that it will impale the baitfish near the tail without curling the bait. The large hook goes through the baitfish's eyes or in the hard section near the gill cover. Adding a 4 inch strip of squid increases visibility and movement. The strip, pointed at one end, should be impaled only once near the wide end.

Indeed, squid by itself makes a fine ocean bait for large fluke, whether whole or in the form of a head and trailing tentacles. A 4/0 treble hook is best for securing this bait. Other baits, such as snappers in the 6 to 8 inch range or the largest killies you can buy are effective as well, particularly when fished alive. Beginning around late July, snappers move into the bays and harbors, and a light fishing outfit with a small metal spoon will take them. Live snappers, kept in a bait well, should be rigged only once in the shoulder, just ahead of the dorsal fin. Dead ones may be rigged in the same manner as sand eels. Live killies are impaled through the eyes. In both cases, the idea is to keep the baitfish alive and swimming as long as possible. Lastly, a strip cut from another fluke, or a mackerel, bunker or sea robin makes an effective bait for large fluke, as well. Strip baits are prepared in the same manner as squid strips.

An alternative to baitfishing for large fluke is to fish with a lure such as an all-white leadhead bucktail or whiptail weighing about 3/4 ounces and sweetened with a squid strip. Tiger tails and chromed lures up to an ounce or so will also attract large fluke. The lure, tied directly to the end of the running line with an improved clinch knot, is dragged along the sand bottom behind the drifting boat. Slowly raising and lowering the rod periodically enhances the lure's movement. It gives it a hopping action. The lure may also be cast diagonally ahead of the drifting boat and retrieved slowly, so that it bumps along the sea floor unencumbered by the drift.

When fishing for large fluke, two more items are essential: a large landing net and in the event of a real doormat, a long-handled gaff. Even small fluke often break free when hoisted onto the deck with the rod. Large one pose a still greater problem.

By the time my friend and I arrived at the fishing grounds, the tide was well on its way out. Generally, fishing is best around a tidal change. In the east end, unlike other sectors of the south shore, the outgoing tide swirls around and pulls the boat to the northeast, that is, back toward the lighthouse. Consequently, we headed farther west and about 200 feet farther offshore. A fleet of boats extended from the Radar Tower near Kings Point to Ditch Plains. East of the tower, the inshore water is too weedy for this kind of fishing. The current, moreover, becomes treacherous as you approach the lighthouse.

The fleet that day did a slow pick and my friend and I caught only a few fluke. Perhaps the fishing had been better at the turn of the tide. Nonetheless, we were more than satisfied, for all the fish weighed 3 to 5 pounds. Although they were not doormats, they were far more exciting to catch than their undersized relatives in the bays.

Although large fluke are taken throughout the summer at such places, the best time to pursue them is from late August to mid-September. Since this kind of fishing takes place in ocean waters, it is advisable to check the weather before going out.

It must be said that pursuing large fluke may not be every angler's game. As with the larger specimens of any species, fluke do not school up in great numbers. How often does one load up on bulldog blackfish, humpback scup, cow bass, codfish or monster blues? But the quality of the fishing—fluke not to forget—makes up for the long hours invested. And unlike king-sized blues, cod or bass, large fluke taste just as good as small ones.

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SMALL POND BASSIN'

by Peter Hutnick

When the word bass is mentioned on Long Island, people usually think of Fort Pond, Peconic River, Lake Ronkonkoma, and Mill Pond, to name a few. Don't get me wrong; these bodies of water all stand up to their names. They have all produced for me numerous times in the past. The point I'm trying to make here is that you do not have to visit these big named lakes to score for bass. It is very possible to fish a no-named pond or lake with success.

You know the type, for instance, that little pond you always passed on the way home from work. In the back of your mind you're thinking: I wonder if that pond has fish in it. But do you ever find out? Sometimes? Maybe? But usually you're looking for something that's guaranteed in fishing or in life, for that matter. Oh, I know, you're taking your boss out fishing or your neighbor who's been bothering you for the past year to take him fishing—so you want to show them just how many bass you can bag!

But I'll tell you, you are never going to know if that pond that you've been thinking about has fish in it or not unless you fish it. Fish it and fish it hard. Don't make 10 casts and then call it quits and venture on to your old haunts.

For the person who has never fished a small pond before, try it! Believe me, try it. You might be surprised, if not hooked on small pond bass. There are three ponds which I frequent regularly within close proximity of one of the impoundments I mentioned earlier. Each pond produces a lot of bass. One in particular produced 30 bass in two hours time on a fly rod. Another produced numerous 3 and 4 pounders, along with one 5 pounder in three trips last spring. Not to mention the one that I lost, which was of huge proportions.

I am not going to mention the names of these ponds, if they had any anyway, simply because of fishing pressure. These ponds have enough pressure already, word travels fast, especially amongst the locals. Besides, finding the right pond for you is half the fun!

Since I am on the subject of pressure, I would like to add that if you plan on visiting a small pond, please be courteous to everyone's rights! A lot of the small ponds are in fact in people's back yards or something to the like. So please, before you venture on, please ask permission of the landowner before you cross his property lines. All it takes is one rotten apple to spoil the whole batch. I certainly do not want to go to one of my favorite small ponds with my tongue hanging out in anticipation only to find out "Harry the Homeowner" will no longer allow me to pass through his yard. All because someone did not ask permission to cross his yard and left rubbish behind, so please be courteous.

There are two main things to look for when you're wondering if a certain pond has fish, especially bass, in it. First of all, kids. Kids usually congregate at ponds. There will be ten of them lined up casting away. Believe me, they're not just fishing for bluegills and catfish. Chances are they're on to something. The second sign to look for is the pond that never has anyone fishing it. Or maybe once in awhile there may be one person all by his or herself. This is the pond you should make a mental note of. This pond could be the most productive.

Billy Bartik with a 6 pound bass taken from a neighborhood pond. The 8.13 pounder on the wall was also the product of a small local pond. It was caught by his dad, Dr. William Bartik.

For a single angler fishing this pond, he's saying to himself, "How lucky I am to have this all to myself." He doesn't know of one single person who has fished his pond. Why? Because people think if no one is fishing a particular pond it cannot be worth much, or there is probably just sunnies and goldfish in there anyway. Sometimes this reasoning is true, but sometimes people make a great mistake by thinking this way.

I know of two ponds that just had sunnies, goldfish and catfish. But given time certain individuals began to stock these ponds on their own. Now they are some of the most productive bass waters I know of. So it just goes to show, you never know. You never know who is stocking a particular body of water.

Combined with the two signs I mentioned, notice if it has any cover. By cover, I mean lily pads, weeds, trees, etc., etc. The best and most productive pond will have plenty of cover or structure to help the fish. Along with deep water close by the cover, so the fish can feel more secure while they're feeding in case danger approaches they can quickly dart into the deeper water for protection.

Fish the small pond the same way you would your usual haunts. To me nothing beats a plastic worm, preferably black or purple. Rig the worm so it is snagless. Mr. Twister must have been reading my mind when they came out with the "keeper hook." In my opinion this is truly the best hook on the market today, for this type of fishing. Rig the worm weighted or unweighted. Most small ponds are shallow, so no weight is required. When casting allow this worm to sink to the bottom, then slowly slide it along. If this does not produce, vary your retrieve, try swimming it along those lily pads.

Worming has been the most productive method for me while fishing small ponds. I'll admit I am partial to worming, but by all means if you have a certain technique, use it. This article is not on technique, that's another few articles in itself. The purpose of this article is to, hopefully, convince some of you non-believers of small pond bassing! As well as the beginner.

Small pond bassing is very special to me. It offers the solitude of being by yourself doing what you love the most: fishing. Usually the small pond angler can expect uncrowded fishing conditions, unlike the big named lakes. Another good aspect is that the majority of better fishing spots are more accessible to the small pond angler. You really do not need a boat or a canoe, although I've done it once or twice. I prefer wading a small pond, you can usually wade the whole pond and maybe sneak up on a very likable spot.

So, please, do yourself a favor and give that small pond in the back of your mind a try. Give small pond bassing a try. Chances are you will not regret it!

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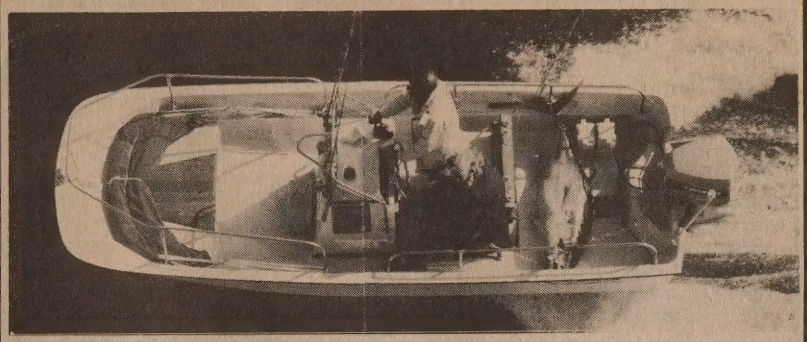

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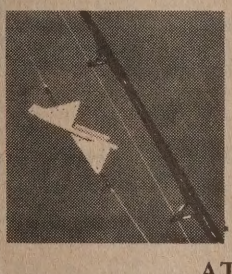

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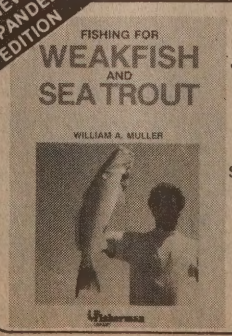

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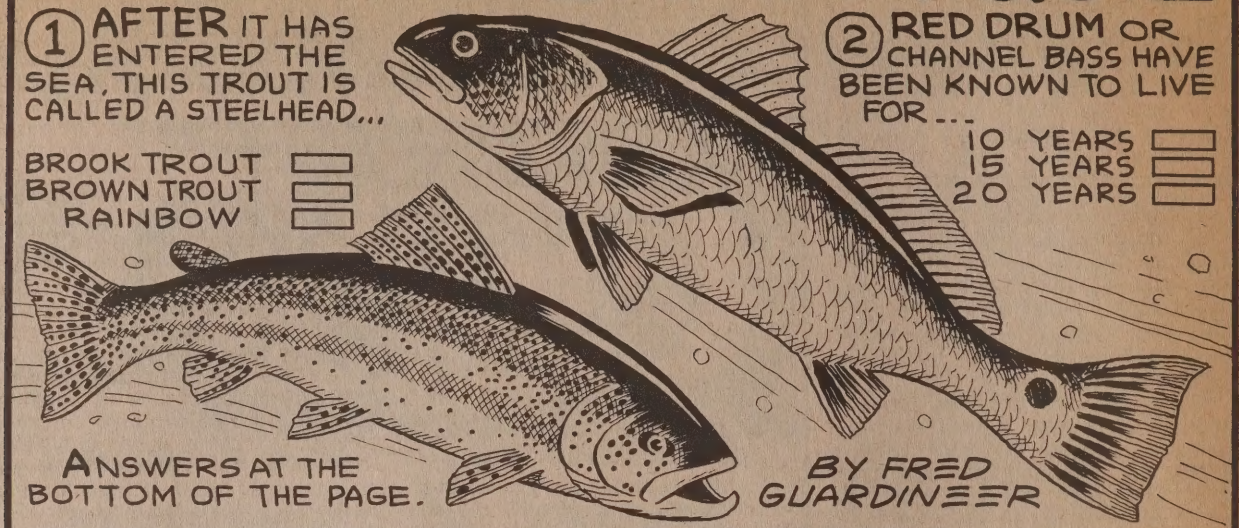

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(2) RED DRUM OR CHANNEL BASS HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO LIVE FOR...

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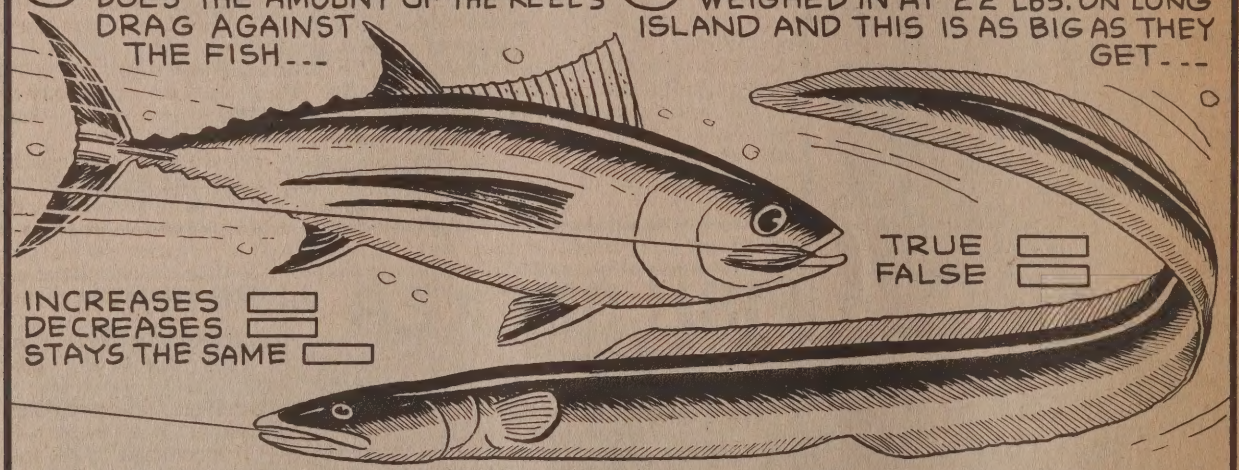

(3) AS A BIG FISH TAKES OUT LINE, DOES THE AMOUNT OF THE REEL'S DRAG AGAINST THE FISH...

INCREASES ☐
DECREASES ☐
STAYS THE SAME ☐

(4) CONGER EELS HAVE BEEN WEIGHED IN AT 22 LBS. ON LONG ISLAND AND THIS IS AS BIG AS THEY GET...

TRUE ☐
FALSE ☐

(5) INTERNATIONAL STATISTICS SHOW THAT MORE MEN THAN WOMEN HAVE BEEN ATTACKED BY SHARKS BY A SEX RATIO OF EIGHT MALES TO ONE FEMALE. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING REASONS ARE THOUGHT TO APPLY...?

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SLIGHTLY MORE MEN THAN WOMEN ARE IN THE WATER ☐
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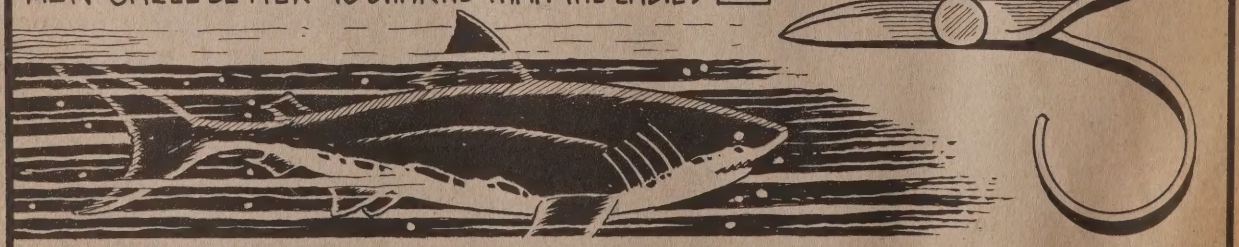

(6) OBVIOUSLY...IT'S A PAIR OF SCISSORS, BUT WHAT KIND?

1-RAINBOW. 2-20 YEARS. 3-INCREASES. AS THE DIAMETER OF THE SPOOL DECREASES, DRAG INCREASES. 4-FALSE. IN EUROPE CONGER EELS HAVE BEEN CAUGHT UP TO 9 FT. AND 160 LBS. 5-ALL OF THEM. 6-FLY-TYING SCISSORS. THE FINGER RINGS ARE ADJUSTABLE, ENABLING TIER TO KEEP THEM ON WHILE WORKING.

East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

Hot action all week with yellowfin tuna and some bluefins in traditional Montauk and Shinnecock tuna grounds. Many anglers, catching more than they need are releasing tuna as a conservation measure. Inshore, fluke catches are increasing daily, with doormats as large as 13 lbs. caught last week. Porgy catches picking up.

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Captain Dusty Dorzbacher reported great porgy fishing all week on the **Little Bear**, calling it the "best of the season." On Wednesday, Ted Dach counted 93 porgies in his buckets; he did better on Thursday with 124. On Wednesday, Marvin Baer of Woodclift Lakes, NJ managed 76. On a return trip Friday with his 11 year old daughter, Marvin caught 86, his daughter 53. **Little Bear** is fishing local Montauk waters, less than an hour's ride from the dock. Fish are medium sized with a few large scup showing.

Those renting boats from **Uihlein's Boat Rentals** are concentrating on fluke, and connecting with some trophy fish. William Ryder and C.J. Monaco, vacationing at Montauk, are fluking daily, so far confining their efforts to the Point and North Rips. The pair are returning with at least 25 fluke per day, many in the 5 lb. range. On Wednesday, however, the largest of their 33 fluke weighed a whopping 12 lbs. On Saturday, George Marrazzo, Louie Medici and Ralph DeMartino took their rented craft to the south side where they connected with 51 fluke, the largest weighed 13 lbs. This is the biggest fluke weighed at **Uihlein's** since anyone can remember. All customers are coming back with fluke, although most are in the 3 to 4 lb. range. The Lake is loaded with snappers and porgy action has picked up. It is strongly suggested that you call ahead to reserve a boat in order not to be disapointed.

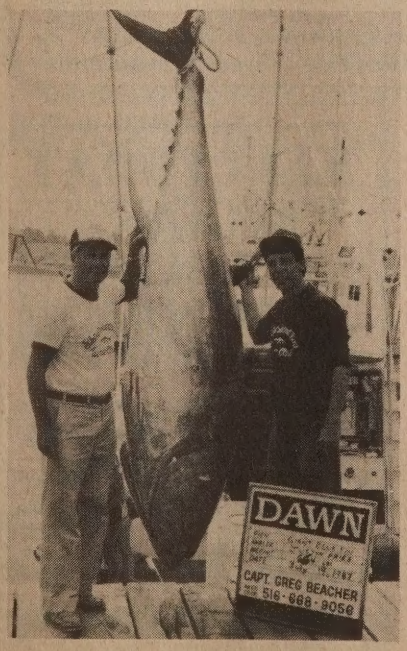
Reservations are also in order on the **Lazybones** on her half day fluke trips. Anglers are enjoying a steady pick of fluke, with the pool usually going to a 7 or 8 lb. fish. Very few shorts are reported. On Sunday morning "Uncle Eddie" took the pool with a 7½ lb. fluke.

Captain Richie Rade noted that larger porgies have entered the picture on the **Marlin IV**. While there are some off days, average catch of porgies has been 25 to 30 fish per man; fish ranging to 1 lb. with a few larger. Anglers fishing for blues on Friday and Saturday night were rewarded with an average of 30 fish per man, of choppers which weighed from 8 to 16 lbs. A definite improvement!

Captain Paul Forsberg has announced a couple of changes in the printed **Viking** fishing schedule: Noman's Land porgy trips will begin a week early on September 7th; Cox's Ledge Cod will be on tap every Friday in September. The weekend's cod trips continue very good. Saturday's trip saw a lot of small cod, while on Sunday there were many "hangers" over 30 lbs. High hook on Sunday's trip was Jeff who brought 18 cod back to Queens.

Captain Bill reported that Montauk night bluefishing improved dramatically the past week, with anglers catching all they could handle. **Starlight** fluke trips are very good, with the pool fish ranging from 5 to 7 lbs. on each half day trip. Results of Wednesday to Thursday's overnight tuna trip was reported by John Girolamo, a regular on the trips. Tuna were caught by Joe Addonzio, Al Booker, Roger Engstrom, Bernard Steward and John Girolamo. Pat Mahoney connected with a 48 lb. albacore. Doc Shephard caught a 145 lb. tuna plus a 250 lb. hammerhead shark. Steve, the mate, lost a large white marlin at boat side. Tai M. Lee boated a small swordfish. The 35 lb., 4½ foot billfish was brought back to be mounted. Tuna trips will continue well into October. Reservations are required.

Captain Ron Grandinetti has concentrated on inshore charters on the **Julie III**, with good catches of fluke, porgies and blues. Catches not reported last week include 47 fluke and 192 porgies to 3 lbs. for Barry Turano and his friends; 378 porgies to 3½ lbs. with Jessie Walker. Last Tuesday, Sidney H. and his friends caught 47 fluke to 5¾ lbs. along with 50 sea bass and a dozen porgies; Willie Matthews and five friends managed 42 to 82 porgies per person on Wednesday; Artie Werman of Elmont loaded up with bluefish on Saturday. On Sunday, Anthony Perriconi counted 64 blues before calling it a day.



Justin Fries, right, and his dad Stuart, with 664 lb. giant bluefin caught on 7-19 aboard the Montauk based charter boat, "Dawn." Both are Sheepshead Bay Tuna Club members.

June said that charter and private boats based at the **Montauk Marine Basin** enjoyed excellent offshore fishing during the week, with very good catches of tuna and shark, while inshore blues, fluke and porgies were good. Charter boats such as **Vivienne, Montauk** and **Kellyboat** returned daily with good tuna catches. A 71 lb. white marlin was successfully landed by Guido D'Antoni, who was using 40 lb. test line, on a 4.0 reel. Anglers on the "Bachelor's Three" returned with a 128 lb. mako. Anglers on "Mr. Vegs" located a mess of porgies plus a couple of trigger fish on the South Side.

TJ reported on the activities of the **Alyssa Ann, Caprice** and **Fisherman II**, charter boats docked at **Gone Fishing Marina.**

Captain Bill Ricca of the charter boat **Alyssa Ann** has had good to excellent action with tuna all week, with the biggest fish weighing in at 170 lbs., average catches ranging from 3 to 9 per trip. Highlight of the week was Thursday's trip with Bob Andrews and his friends of Ramsey, NJ who fought and boated nine tuna to 150 lbs. in a four hour fishing frenzy.

On the charter boat **Caprice**, Capt. Bob Storc fished at Great Eastern for four trophy striped bass to 46 lbs., with Don Urbanski and his friends, then joined the tuna fleet at Block Island at daybreak. The group boated five yellowfin and bluefin tuna, top weight 125 lbs. Having enough tuna for the freezer, another eight tuna were fought and released. Saturday's charter trip with Mario Marra returned with bluefin to 130 lbs. On Sunday, 4 tuna were released, 8 yellowfin boated, by Steve and Jeff Kuse and his friends.

Captain Paul Giangreco put 5 yellowfin to 140 lbs. on the **Fisherman II** on a charter with Fred Ach and Mike Wagner on Wednesday. The pair returned Thursday for fluke, catching 48 to 6 lbs. Sunday's charter with Bill Lentino, Tom Palopoli and Jerry Kociuruba had action with 5 yellowfin to 130 lbs. Captain Paul expects good tuna action to continue through September and October and has a few dates open for tuna charters.

Tuna action remains excellent, said TJ of **Gone Fishing Marina**, with many anglers now releasing fish as a conservation measure. On Saturday Joe Tota and Rick McCay released a white marlin, estimated at 100 lbs.,

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which took a tuna bait. Codfishing remains good. On the marina based boat "Compromise," 40 cod to 35 lbs. were caught on Saturday. Inshore, porgy action continues consistent, and plenty of blues are entrenched at Shagwong, the Point and South side. Fluke, some doormats, are moving into traditional fluking spots on the South Side with the largest seen at the marina an 8 lber. caught by Dan Auriemma. On the weekend, Jim Algerio launched his trailered boat at the marina's ramp and fished the North Rips with friends Billy Greer and Bruce Marrin. The trio caught a total of 72 fluke, averaging 3 to 4 lbs., along with big (8-10 lb. bluefish) that jumped on their drifted squid baits. Anglers on "Barbara Ann" and "Ron's Rig" did very well on a two day trip to Noman's Land for porgies.

Chuck Cogswell of **Star Island Yacht Club** reported all the tuna you want, averaging 100 to 125 lbs., with many anglers now releasing fish they cannot use. A typical catch on the weekend was that by Kevin Calmeyer on the "Yaa Boo" who returned with yellowfin of 120, 128, 134 and 143 lbs. A couple of blue marlin were caught by canyon trollers: Gregg Garvey's 279 lb. blue marlin, caught on the "Uptown Girl" on Sunday will be mounted. Mike Konzelman landed one of 494 lbs. on "Kathie K." Several white marlin were sent to the taxidermist: Howie Gersky's 61 lb. marlin caught on "Mountain High"; Mike Daddura's 65 lber. caught on "Blue Thunder"; and Scott Wengrow's 119 lber. caught on "Dorami."

George Sabbagh sent his 115 lb. h hammerheat, caught on "Christina" to be mounted. Brad Savage returned from his trip on "Quest" with a 79 lb. mako. Not all action was centered on tuna. Bob Miller managed a 27½ lb. pollock on "Margaret M." Several marina based boats returned with cod, mostly in the 5 to 10 lb. range. A fluke of 7¼ lbs. was caught at Shagwong by Marilyn Divone on "Reel Nuts." Marina owner Sam Gershowitz with his sons Kevin and Elliott and C.W. Simmons took out their brand new 63 foot Ocean Yacht for a short fluke trip. The group returned with 15 fluke, top weight 5 lbs.

Charter boats such as **Adios, "Abracadabra," King Wayne** and "Big Wink" reported incredible tuna action all week with an occasional slow day, only to double in intensity by Sunday, according to a spokesman from **Tuma's Dock and Tackle**. Locally bluefishing is outstanding.

Captain John DeMaio is enjoying consistently great tuna fishing for the past two weeks on the charter boat **Vivienne**, with average yellowfin in the 100 lb. range. Saturday and Sunday saw particularly hot fishing—a "slugfest"—with 8 tuna Saturday, 9 on Sunday all taking chunked baits. Total tuna catch for the week was 42. Captain DeMaio is booking for Sept. tuna, with dates going fast.

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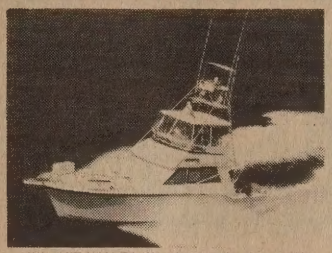

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Charters. According to Capt. Mike Bentivegna, Jr., a two night Canyon trip with Mike Smith and his friends, returned on Wednesday with 17 albacore. A midweek overnighter with Wayne Gerster fought sharks during the night, boated 7 yellowfin to 147 lbs. during the day. Sunday's trip with Danny Pacella counted 4 yellowfin to 122 lbs. There are only three open dates for August tuna charters. Call **Pronto Charters** for information.

Joan, at **Captain's Cove Marina** spoke of all the tuna action by private and charter boats based at the marina, with almost no boats fishing inshore. Charter boats such as **Kraken III** and **Joy Sea** are returning daily with tuna averaging 100 lbs., top weight during the week 192 lbs. The marina based "Grumpy" with George Valante, Bill Duncan and Scott Simson caught two yellowfin and an albacore on a trip on the weekend.

Captain Jay Rigano reports great tuna action at traditional tuna grounds. On Saturday's charter on the **Lori Jay**, Mark Gironda and members of the Village of Mamaroneck Police Department stayed out for the late bite, returning with 6 tuna, the largest a 156 lb. allison. Thursday's overnighter with Dave, Lou, Al and Bebe met with a few yellowfin and bluefin.

On the charter boat **Montauk**, Captain Mike Albronda calls it the "best yellowfin action of the season," with his best day, Thursday, accounting for a total of 9¾ tuna on a charter with Peter Fama. Apparently a mako took a liking to a struggling tuna and decided to have a bite. The remaining 3/4 tuna weighed 125 lbs.! While every day had good fishing, Saturday's catch dropped off, possibly due to heavy fishing pressure and boat traffic, but on Sunday, the fishing bounced back and nine tuna were boated. Mike Oldstein had the pleasure of fighting a 174 lb. fish using stand-up tackle.

Captain Phil Lewis reported great yellowfin tuna action on the charter boat **Adios** beginning with Monday's trip with Dr. Ted Randall and Dr. Warren Kent who boated 8 yellowfin from 90 to 147 lbs. Action continued through Sunday, with Jeff Becker's 151 lb. tuna. Captain Lewis has only a couple of open dates for September tuna and shark action. Call for available dates.

On a one-man charter on Tuesday, Joe Catalano of Plainview returned with a 174 lb. bluefin, 5 yellowfin to 143 lbs. and a half dozen albacore. Scene of the action was the waters southeast of Block Island, on the charter boat **Mary A.** Captain Jim Flowers reported that 4 tuna per day were caught on a weekend charter with the Hefflers.

Ann called in to report the most recent overnight canyon trip on the "Bronco Explorer." Action at the Dip on a 4 day trip, could best be described as slow, with some albacore, small mako and dolphin spotted. However, early Sunday morning, a bigeye tuna took a chunked bait and was boated after a 2½ hour battle by Steven Wechter using stand-up tackle (Sabre rod/Shimano 50 reel). The fish weighed 295 lbs.

An overnight canyon trip on the **King Wayne** on Thursday to Friday was slow with the only action a long battle on a big shark. While 4 longfin albacore were caught, Capt. King noted that water temperatures were no higher than 67 degrees. Tuna action, however, is fantastic locally, with 13 fish boated on Wednesday with a group arranged by Danny Bisak and 10 on Sunday with the Vasta group. It must be noted that water temperatures at the scene of the action is 72 degrees.

Chuck Woodell of Watertown, NY will find it hard to settle for freshwater fishing, since taking his first offshore trip last Tuesday. Fishing with Captain Howard Kiedaisch on **Reel Magic**, Chuck fought 5 yellowfin, top weight 134 lbs. On Thursday's charter, Russ, Tony, John, Nick stopped fishing at noon, having enough: 11 yellowfin and a bluefin. The action continued through the weekend; on Sunday, Rocco and his pals boating three yellowfin to 136 lbs.

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Chris Salb spoke of real good bluefishing at Plum Gut, with plenty of fish caught weighing from 4 to 16 lbs. On a recent trip, George Pharaoh and Dennis Kelly returned to **Bayview Marine and Tackle** with over four dozen big blues. Best action took place at the top of the tide and outgoing, with jigs, bucktails and trolled umbrella rigs all working well. Fluke are holding up at the Ruins, while closer to home, loads of snappers are providing exciting fishing for youngsters and oldsters. Cedar Point continues to be a reliable porgy spot.

Captain Artie Lach reported slower fluking the past week, probably because of the full moon tides. However, porgy action has picked up with catches of from 30 to 50 per angler. A couple of trips to New London revealed that porgies are both numerous and larger in size than usual for this time of year. Whenever tide conditions are right, the **Wilhelric II** will make the trek for New London porgies.

Several boats berthed at **Sherry and Joe Corr's Best Boatworks** came across dolphin fish at the 30 fathom line. Captain David Young boated two dolphin, one 10 and the other 20 lbs., on "Queen of Hearts"; Lewis Menocal and his cousin Tony May caught 6 dolphin from 5 to 20 lbs. on the "Alimar"; Mike Stiever and Mike Sullivan fished on "Spectacular" for 10 dolphin to 3 lbs. Captain Larry Luce, fishing on "Capt. Roy's Toy" with Roy Dawley, Donald Martin and Chris and Mark Klein, located a 130 lb. yellowfin in the Shinnecock Tuna Grounds. Dominick and Ralph Paturno returned with a 175 lb. mako on "Alma D."

Thom Speckenbach heard of decent tuna action on chunked baits on the Shinnecock Tuna Grounds during the week. Anglers fishing inshore,

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reported lots of fluke action in the Inlet, with plenty of shorts. Heady Creek is the scene of good catches of porgies and cocktail blues. A 35 lb. bass was an item of some interest at **Speck's Bait and Tackle**. It appears that the bass, caught by an unidentified angler, took a popping plug at 11AM Saturday morning.

Although the tuna action on Thursday was a bit slow off Shinnecock, Doug Sabo managed to connect with a 72 lb. bluefin. According to Commodore Rock at **Mariner's Cove Marina**, many fish were hooked and lost. After a quiet Saturday, Rich Nydegger caught a 123 lb. yellowfin fishing on Sunday on "Therapy." Greta, Charlie, Mike and Frank settled for bonito and blues at the Sea Buoy, when trolling at 180 feet was unproductive on "Bee Gee."

Mickey **Altenkirch** heard of fantastic action at the Shinnecock Tuna Grounds on Friday. In general, the offshore scene is pretty good, with several makos reported along with white marlin during the week. Inshore, blues are steady at the inlet and enough keeper fluke are caught to maintain an interest in fluking. Snappers are getting larger, and with billions in the bays in the canal, are providing lots of action.

Last Tuesday, the "Big Mac" raised a white marlin while trolling at 33 fathoms (198 ft.). Captain Penny reeled in the trolling lures and attempted to bait the billfish. To everyone's surprise, a swordfish appeared from nowhere and attacked a dangling green machine. Teenager Shane Muhs successfully fought the fish, which weighed 340 lbs. back in Hampton Bays.

On Wednesday, I met Captain Fred Muhs, his brother Tom and Capt. Billy Stevens at **Molnar's Landing** for a tuna trip on Fred's "Geraldine." Anchored at the Shinnecock Tuna Grounds, we boated a bluefin of 150 lbs., a yellowfin of 60 lbs. and had a couple of brief encounters with tuna until the big one struck just as we were about to leave. I "enjoyed" fighting the fish with expert coaching by Captain Stevens. The tuna, which weighed well over 250 lbs., naturally hit our lightest gear and finally parted the line two miles and 2½ hours after hook-up.

Some methods of using chunking bait will be shown on L.I. Fishing during the next couple of weeks, featuring Capt. Fred Muhs. The TV show is aired each Friday night at 6PM and repeated Saturday mornings at 9:30 on WLIG-TV Channel 55. It is picked up by most cable systems from Montauk to the City Line as well.

Al Flexer has been concentrating on fluke, mainly at Callahan and New Town docks, successfully keeping seven or more per trip using **Al Feather's Jigs.** Tony Bruno continues with flounder at Callahan's, locating some flatties of 2 and 3 lbs. each trip with smaller fish. Flounder were also noted in Tiana Bay.

South Shore REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

Fluke fishing in the bays continues to suffer from "short syndrome", but there was some encouraging news concerning the fluking just prior to press time. A call from the **Miss Captree** via the marine operator revealed 25 keeper fluke taken on the boat's first drift during its first ocean fluke trip of the season. More details later on in the reports. Most of the excitement continues to be on the offshore grounds with enough tuna being taken to generate considerable interest. The big news concerned a fish that never got caught. On Saturday, 'Mako Mike' Townsend spent over 8½

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Karen Brohm and Jim Delano with a trio of five yellowfin tuna taken south of Shinnecock back on 7-27. Photo courtesy of Molnar's Landing in Hampton Bays.

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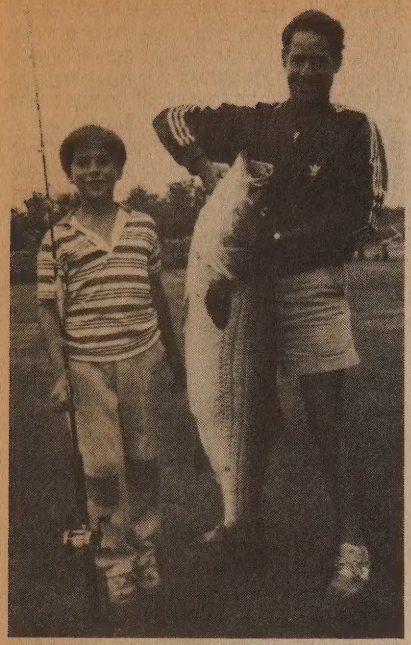
MORICHES BAY & INLET

Capt. Tony Rizzo of the **Moriches** based charter boat **Nino** reported very good yellowfin tuna action just 45 minutes SSE of Moriches Inlet most of the week. His trips average 1-3 tuna landed each day except Saturday with all of the yellowfins falling between 100 and 150 pounds. Bigger fish have been lost on each trip. Tony has been chunking with butterfish.

Capt. Russ Hagios of the **Moriches** based **Alma** said that they have been doing a pretty good job with flounder this week in the deep water near Great Gun Beach, south of Buoy 36 and occasionally near Buoy 29. Many of the fish are checking in around the 1 pound mark. There was a bonus on Friday afternoon when a nice bunch of porgies from sands up to 1¼ pounds were taken near Buoy 45. On Saturday, a party headed by Fred Johnson accounted for 2 dozen keeper fluke out of the more than 200 taken during the day. The 2½ pound pool winner was decked by Markus Frischunecht who was visiting from Switzerland. On Sunday, a group from Wellbuilt Co. was inundated with



Ten-year-old Carlos Cobo and his dad, Jose, teamed to take this 53.5 lb. striper in Shinnecock Inlet back on July 20th. It was weighed at Pell's Dock.

shorts. Russ figured they landed between 250 and 300 fluke of which 14 were keepers. Russ reminded that the Alma will be sailing 2 half-day trips at 8AM and 1PM, Monday thru Friday for mixed bottom species.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

From **J&J Tackle** in **Patchogue**, Paul Graniello said that there was some really nice snapper fishing underway now at all the local docks. Some of the snappers are pretty big now as well. An occasional short fluke is mixed with the snappers. Crabbing still very good but a lot of small ones since last week. Best catches are being made with traps and bunker bait during the day. On Saturday, Wayne Collins and Lee Musso landed a lot of small sea bass along with some to 1½ pounds near Ocean Beach. A couple of short fluke were also taken by the pair. On Monday, Tom Latimer, Bill Wolfe and Rob Brabbee totaled 45 fluke in Moriches Bay. Only 4 of the fish were keepers. On Wednesday, Gary Werner and Pete Manfre used jigs and bait to take a box of blues at the Sea Buoy. Bill Schiavo also had a bunch of blues and a 32 inch bass among them. Mike Rossetti, Larry DelRossi and Craig Wheeler aboard the 'Osprey' put away a bunch of blues to 10 pounds on jigs and bait in 80 feet of water south of Moriches on Saturday.

At **J&R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**, Dave Canale spoke of lots of snappers and crabs at the West Sayville Dock and in Great River. Fluking con-

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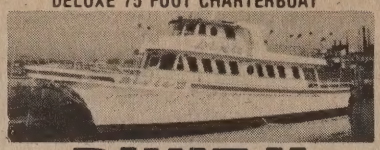

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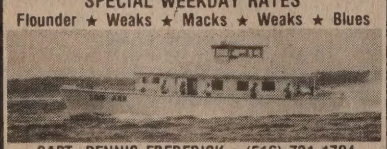

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tinues to be mostly shorts with some better size fish just outside the inlet. Blues from 2 to 5 pounds roaming from Ocean Beach to the Inlet and being taken by trollers and casters. No real pattern to the fishing however. Bigger blues are in 40 to 60 feet of water south of the Lighthouse. Some school tuna being trolled on plastic southeast of the Inlet in 120-130' of water. One customer reported that after breaking down with engine trouble in 40 feet of water, they decided to drop over some chum while waiting for a tow. They wound up catching 2 small makos to 56 pounds and had an estimated 200 pounder take a bait not once, but twice. Eventually the crew relented to the waiting Coast Guard boat and was towed back inside.

Howard Wall and five friends spent Friday working between the Lighthouse and the Coast Guard Station. According to Jim Romano of **Peppy's Bait and Tackle** in **East Islip** their efforts were rewarded to the tune of 15 keeper fluke. On Wednesday, Charles Rex Sr. & Jr. used A-17s and A-27 jigs to take 26 small blues at the inlet. Also on Wednesday, Tom Boylan and Bruce Hastings teamed to liveline weakfish of 11.2, 7.6 and 7 pounds. They worked the Wreck Buoy area with bunker. Tom returned on Thursday and used live snappers to take weaks of 10 and 7 pounds. Jim labeled the fluking as pretty desperate with most of the action revolving around shorts. Best shot at putting away some keepers is by working outside the inlet. Some very good snapper fishing going on in Great River but there has been action reported at all local docks.

From Carl Miller at **Smokey's Bait and Tackle** in **Bay Shore** came word of stripers in the 30 to 40 pound class being taken on live eels and bunker near the old construction dock. Fluking from the Bridge to the Inlet consists mostly of shorts with some decent sized fish reported by private boatmen working just outside the inlet. Kismet Reef has some big sea bass with fish to 4 pounds taken there this week. Some porgies and blowfish are on the reef as well. Blues from 8 to 12 pounds were chummed in quantity in 110' of water south of the inlet on the weekend. On the offshore scene, Carl reported Mike Townsend's encounter with that huge blue marlin on Saturday. He said that the line eventually gave out after 8½ hours. Elsewhere on the offshore scene, some yellowfin tuna continue to be trolled and chunked around the Yankee and Linda Wrecks. Most are in the 50 to 60 pound range. There was also a good shot of fish along the 30 Fathom curve south of Shinnecock with both bluefins and yellowfins trolled and chunked. All reports indicated that the Canyon remained slow this week. Mike Donovan ran his 'YaaaaBo' to Montauk on Sunday. His efforts were well rewarded as he and his crew put away 6 yellowfins averaging 130 pounds on the grounds southeast of Block Island.

Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Joseph II** said that fluking still consists of primarily shorts with 20 to 40 keepers being taken on each trip. Charlie will begin his ocean fluke trips on Sunday, August 23rd in hopes of finding some quality fish. These will be full day trips on Sundays and Mondays but he will continue with ½-day trips the remainder of the week. Night bluefishing has ranged from very good to super according to Charlie with Saturday a massacre. Saturday night's action was in 70 to 80 feet of water southeast of the inlet with fish ranging from 6 on up to 14 and 15 pounds.

Capt. Ed Laske of the **Captree** charter boat **Dixie II** called to say that due to a last minute cancellation, the boat is available for Saturday, August 22nd for a group of 35 or more. See his boat's ad in this week's issue for phone number and more information.

At **Captree Bait and Tackle**, Bobby Sprenger told of lots of snappers being taken from the Walk. Bobby weighed a 6.3 pound fluke for Keith McCormick on Friday. It was caught aboard the **Jib VII**. Bobby also commented on the bluefishing which he said remained excellent both day and night.

Capt. Speedy Hubert of the **Captree** open boat **Speedy VIII** labelled the bluefishing as consistently excellent with off days being very rare. Fishing is being done to the east off of Patchogue and Cherry Grove and most of the fish are ranging from 6 to 12 pounds. Nights have been spectacular but day action has been hot too according to the skipper.

Capt. Carl Passaro of the open boat **Miss Captree** began his special Monday-Tuesday (Full Day) ocean fluke trips this past Monday. As reported earlier, his first drift of the day produced 25 keepers up to 4½ or 5 pounds as well as 40 keeper sea bass. Carl was working south of the Fire Island Lighthouse. For an update on this fishing, you can give Carl a call at the number listed in his ad. Evening bluefishing remains consistent with good catches of 4 to 8 pound blues being made just a short distance from the inlet. Saturday was the only slow night according to the skipper. Carl reminded that while the special fluke trips will concentrate on ocean fishing, his Wednesday-Sunday half-day trips will continue to be bay oriented.

Capt. Fred Austin, speaking from **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon** said that while bluefishing has been very good southeast of the inlet in 60 to 80 feet of water, Sunday was an off day for many boatmen. A few still managed to do well. The Rum & Coke returned with box full of choppers to 13 pounds on Saturday. The private boat 'Antiqua' checked in a tiger shark which weighed 575 pounds. Yellowfin tuna were trolled in the vicinity of the Linda on the weekend and radio chatter indicated that there was action again this Monday morning. The Babylon charter boat Cindy Ann ac-

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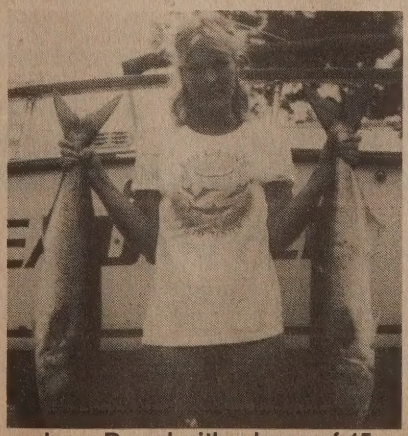

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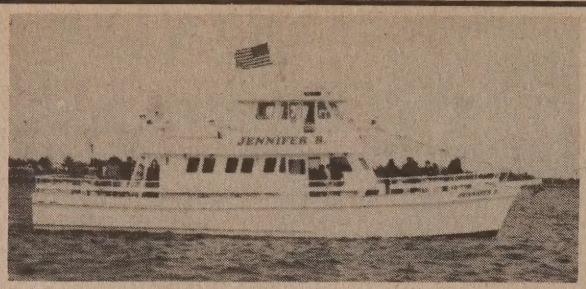

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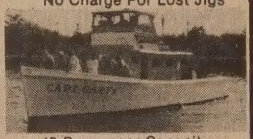

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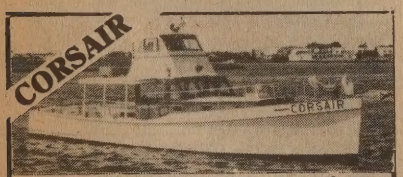

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counted for 2 yellowfins at the Linda on Sunday.

From **Babylon Fishing Station**, George Stevenson said that the Linda was a popular spot for yellowfin tuna fans on the weekend. On Sunday, a 48 pounder was trolled on the 'Nettie V'. Same day, Pete Heeber chunked a 98 pounder on his 'Christy Lee'. Ken Yankee decked an 88 pound yellowfin on the B.C.A. charter boat **Capt Hook** on Sunday. It was trolled SE of the Linda on a Green Machine. Back on Saturday, Capt. Sandy Shanks chunked a 53 pound bluefin aboard his 'Hydro-Therapy'. Pat Baker was on the rod. A 210 pound mako was checked in on Wednesday. It was taken by Gene Jankow and his crew on the 'Not So Fast'. One customer reported seeing a pair of giant tuna cavorting on the surface four miles south of the inlet. On the inshore scene, George labeled it a bad week for fluking and said that most weekend anglers had a tough time with the bluefish.

Mike Andreani at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** reported a catch of 50 small porgies along with a pair of keeper fluke for Morty and Frank at the Copiague Hole on Saturday. On Sunday, Bill Galiante and Lou Pilato chunked a 100 pound yellowfin. Mike

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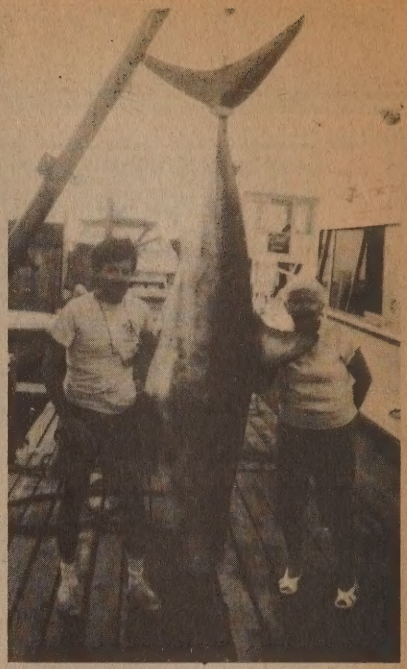

Arnold and Nathan Mandel, Tom Stafutti and Bruce Hernandez teamed to whip this beautiful 345 lb. mako on 7-10. The big shark was taken near the Yankee and was weighed at Hudson Point Marina in Freeport.

knew of a fair number of yellowfins taken by trollers working near the Yankee, the Virginia, the Linda and both the NA and HA Buoys. Blues being trolled, chummed and jigged in good numbers southeast of the inlet in 40 to 100 feet of water. Action was very good during the week but slowed a bit on the weekend for some boatmen. Mike weighed bass of 39 and 43 pounds that were taken on live bait at the inlet earlier in the week.

Penny Schaefer at **Charlies Bait and Tackle** in **Lindenhurst** reported some good snapper fishing at the Lindenhurst Dock. On Tuesday, 11 year old Rocky DeLorenzo and 11 year old Charles Burgio accounted for more than two dozen of the baby blues. Another youngster, 12 year old Doug Brooks returned from his stay at the Baiting Hollow Boy Scout Camp with a 5 pound blue taken Friday evening. Speaking of Friday, Bob Frake decked an 11 pound blue while fluking in the inlet. Also on Friday, Bob Winter and Bob Rousseau put away 30 blues to 11 pounds on bait-casting tackle and jigs on the Patchogue Grounds. Tom Favilla worked the north end of the Captree Bridge off of Good Samaratin Hospital Tuesday night. He finished up with a bushel full of blue claw crabs. On Saturday, Howard Rogers culled a 180 pound mako from the waters near the Yankee Wreck. Bill Witchey trailered his Nora B to Montauk recently. The trip paid off with a total of 11 tuna from 80 to 160 pounds. The fish, which were mixed yellowfins and bluefins, were taken southeast of

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Block Island. Locally, some pretty good tuna action on Daisey Chains and tandem Green Machines. Lots of blues camped on the Patchogue Grounds and some blacks and sea bass on the inshore and offshore reefs.

Bob Vitale at **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor** reported yellowfin tuna action between the Yankee and Linda wrecks on Green Machines and birds. Lots of blues on the Patchogue Grounds where they are being trolled, chummed and jigged. Fluking continues to be mostly shorts but some bigger fish are being picked outside the inlet. Still some flounder in the Sore Thumb Pocket according to Bob. Local docks are well populated with snappers and crabs. On Saturday, Barry Mack put a 100 pound yellowfin into the cockpit of his 'Cathy's Too'. It was taken near the Yankee. Same day, a 190 pound yellowfin along with a pair of dolphin were trolled near the Virginia aboard the Lady Marion.

From **Edelman's** in **Farmingdale**, Frank Pristera reported a trio of yellowfins trolled aboard the 'Patty Ann' two miles south of the Linda on Saturday. Some big weakfish falling to livelined bunkers and snappers along South Beach between the Coast Guard Station and the Wreck Buoy. Some decent flounder in the Sore Thumb Pocket while fluking remains mostly shorts.

West End REPORT
with Stu Miller

Bluefishing appeared to be the highlight of the week, with the night trips seemingly the best in the blue area. Keeper fluke remain on the picky side, same on flounder but now there appear to be more sand porgies and small sea bass mixed in with the bay's inhabitants. Blue claws seem to be a hit and miss affair, while snappers and bunker are all over the place. Yellowfin tuna have been a good item for the offshore trollers. There are still loads of striped bass on the inside with best shots being taken by clam chummers at the bridges day and night.

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We hear from **Old Harbour Marina in Seaford** that the fluking was picky on the weekend with a 10 to 15 percent keeper ratio. Snappers have been hot from the docks and in the bays with killies catching very well. Tons of blue claw crabs in the bay being taken mainly by jackers at night with lights,

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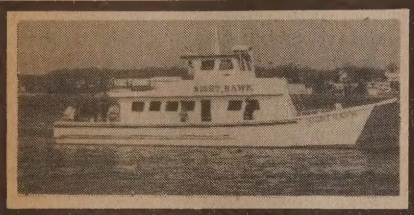

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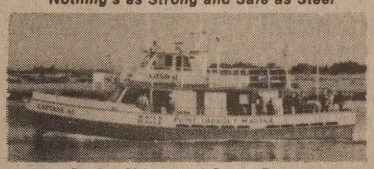

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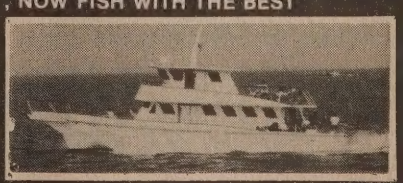

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but the crabbing has been an all day affair for a dozen blue claws from piers. Skip noted that the stingray is still on the loose in the Black Banks area.

Over in **Wantagh** Mike at **Causeway Tackle** called the fluking during the week poor with some upswing on the weekend. Best fluking around was at the inlet, all around the high on big strip baits or spearing. There was also some decent action in the ocean east of the inlet with anglers taking 5 to 15 keepers per boat, same bait, fishing between the Duke and Stone barges. Occasional small 2 to 3 lb. blues mixed in with the fluke. Some weakfish at the bridges on live or chunk bunker, fish to 14 lbs. in the evenings along with some small bass and jumbo 10 to 13 lb. bluefish. Flounder-ing has been off with the best of it at the Big M and Black Banks along with small porgies, sea bass to 1 lb. Snappers have been fair and getting bigger walloping Kastmasters and Snapper Poppers. Blue claw action has been slim. The Jones Beach piers have been getting just a few flounder and mostly short fluke.

From **Merrick Tackle in Bellmore** comes word of bluefish being taken at Cholera with some shark activity in the fringes thereof. Some customers have had several keeper fluke in Jones Inlet and some nice fat flounder in the hole off the Short Beach Coast Guard station. Small bluefish continue to be trolled off the beaches to the east and west of Jones on umbrellas.

Out of **Freeport**, Captain Frank of the **Jennifer B** continues to pick away at the fat flounder. Nice mixed bags are being taken, said the skipper in the local areas on clam and worm. He called the floundering this past week fair. Sea bass have been taken to 2 lbs., blacks to 3, blues to 2, and some nice porgies showing as well, all mixed in with the flatties. Sea robins, which are excellent table fish, have also been caught. High hooks of flounder have been running 7 to 9 fish

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per trip. Mike Virgillio had a 2¼ lber., Jerry Langone a 2 lber., Steven Voight 15 flounder to 2½ lbs., Keith Ladd, 18 flounder to 2½ lbs., Sylvia, 10 flounder to 2½ lbs. and Bob Bonaguaro, a 3½ lb. sea bass. The boat's night bluefish trips were classified as magnificent, encountering 3 to 7 lb. schools or 7 to 13 lb. schools, all hitting mackerel chunks. Fish are being caught on both top and bottom. Frank says he sees an excellent fall coming up.

Aboard Captain Richie Kessinger's **Starstream II**, another strong week of bluefishing has been logged in, fishing jigs days and bait at night. High hooks have run from the 20s to the 30s on mixed fish 4 to 15 lbs. Action has been both to the east, south and west of Jones, with a couple of bonito mixed in.

A call from Captain Pat of the **Lady J III** told of continued good bluefishing, though Sunday slowed a bit due to the big heave on. Visibility in the water was about 4 inches, Pat said he was told by a diver acquaintance. He also did some baiting and chumming on day trips this week. Various fluke trips inside and outside yielded a few good keepers, enough to keep everyone at the rail. Trips this week were sailed for: Eng. #1, NYFD, Baking Executive Club, Tanglewood Day Camp, Rich Landie group, Canadian Imperial Bank, Data Mechanics Inc., Geo. Rodriguez group, Neil Goldman group, Levy, Ashley and Assoc., Inc., M&M Olds, Richmond Hills and Willie Winfrey party.

A call from Captain Sy of the **Blue Fin Fleet** told of night blues being a little better than the day bluefishing this week. Choppers ran to 14 lbs. with Jack Conroy bagging a 14 lber, plus 18 other blues. Robin Huff and Haig Betrossain had blues to 10 lbs. Fluking picked up a little this week, said Sy with fish to 6 lbs. caught along local beaches and to the west. Steve Sidor had 17 keeper fluke to 6 lbs. Boating fluke to 4 lbs. were Wes Johnson of Bayside, Kim Vander-Brink, Nicole Wurtz , Mark Courtney of Freeport, Kim Ebinger, Cellini Lodge. Best action was on killie-strip bait combos or on just spearing. The skipper says he still has a few openings for the August 25 tuna trip. See ad for details.

Bob at **Freeport Boatmen's Association** told of the super night bluefishing on the **Super Spray II** mainly working Cholera and the Middle Grounds. Fares on the daytime fluke trips have been picking away at big keeper fluke mixed in with all the shorties and some of the better action with 30 percent keepers off Riis, Tin Can and the Channels. Forty to 125 lb. yellowfin plus some white marlin have been taken by the Association's charter boats north of the Yankee Wreck on chum and chunks.

Word from the **Captain Lou Fleet** is that on the full day boat, fluking on the weekend was good/very good, according to skipper Mike Danon with high hooks in the teens, fish to 5 lbs.

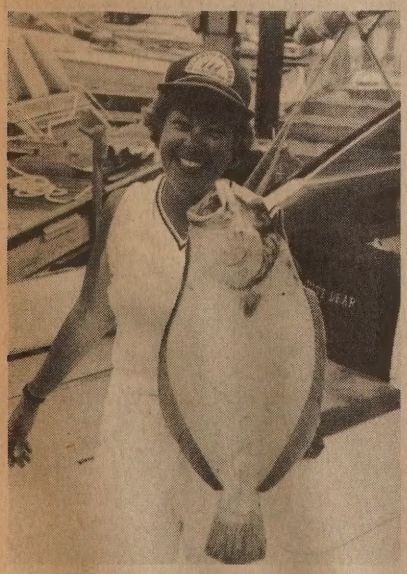
Weather permitting, fishing is being done in the close in ocean, mainly to the west of Jones. Action slowed on the weekend however due to the big heave. On the half day boat, the flounder action was termed "pretty good" by Mike with flood tide being best with some sea bass and fluke mixed in.

Over in **Point Lookout**, the charter boat **Freedom** on Thursday had 23 keeper fluke out of a total of 50 fluke caught, a really nice keeper ratio for inside fluking. Action was at Four Corners, Squaw Island on incoming tide for J. Seinberg, Gary and Norm Ferber, Harry Brown and Bob Wall.

We learned from **Scotty's Fishing Station** that Gary Acker, Vince Russo and Bill Skimmer bagged an 11 foot thresher shark fishing the Mud Hole on a bluefish bait. Three yellowfin tuna of 50, 48 and 88 lbs. were nailed at the Virginia Wreck on the Julia I by John and Steve Akacski and Mike Scelwach on butterfish. Ralph Tycesin and buddies Chip and Les accounted for a 111 lb. yellowfin and a 94 lb. mako fishing five miles north of the HA on bunker.

From **Ed's Fishing Station** comes word of 6-year-old Vanessa Brown of Elmont and her 2¾ lb. fluke caught on live killies in the inlet. A fair number of keeper fluke also being taken in the middle bay flats.

Captain Ron of the **Miss Point Lookout II** called the night blues super duper, 10 to 40 a man all week long. On the daytime fluking trips big Bob Manning nailed a 3½ lb. fluke. Regular Ben Hefter had a 3 lber., while Matt Lichter had a 3½ lber. and Allan Hunstein had a 4 lber. Ron says



Atlantis Anglers Club member, Blanche Goodman, is mighty pleased with the 9 lb. doormat she caught on a Nappi Fluke Rig back on 7-19. The big flattie was taken on the Tin Can Grounds aboard her family's boat, Just Dear and weighed at Hudson Point Fishing Station in Freeport.

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From the charter boat **Marie III** we learned of Monday's trip for the John Natole group having excellent bluefishing, 2 to 10 lbers. just west of buoy 4 plus 12 weaks to 12 lbs. Wednesday and Friday's trips for Bill Bailey and Warren Vaas parties, also had excellent bluefishing, fish 2 to 8 lbs. on diamond jigs SW of Jones. It was fluke Saturday and Sunday for the Double T FC and East Meadow Fire Department fishing behind Island Park, Oceanside and East Rockaway. There was about a 20 percent keeper ratio on fluke to 3 lbs.

Aboard the **Night hawk** Captain Dennis told of very good fluke action all week. Thursday AM had Sam Morton with 5 fluke to 3 lbs. High hook was Bob Reynolds with 8 keepers. Friday AM Sy Lubchansky had 7 keepers plus the pool fish and in the PM Scotty Hogan was high hook with 6 keepers to 3 plus lbs. Sunday's high hook was Peggy Nicatera with 9 in the AM and in the PM 8 keepers took the title for Bruce Rupp. Saturday's bluefish charter for the Joe Belcastro party loaded up on 4 to 8 lbers. at Farms.

A call from Captain Ronnie Lepper of the **Atlantic Beach** based charter boat **Kim** called the past week's sharking anywhere from poor to fair, probably due to the zillions of boats roaming the Grounds. Yellowfin and bluefin catches were fair trolling the offshore wrecks to the southeast. The second mud hole on the Jersey side has been yielding some YFTs to boats chumming or trolling. Bluefishing has been excellent, with all fish large for his charters, 10 to 14 lbers. and all you want. There were a lot of big bonito mixed in to the catch. Some very good weakfishing over in Raritan Bay along with "almost keeper" stripers on umbrellas.

Fred at **Cast-A-Way Tackle in Franklin Square** told of the good striper action at the ABB on clam bellies. Tom Demaro and Manny Kurz had over 20 bass up to 31 inches during the day Wednesday on incoming, all fish released. Snappers have been very good at all the local docks and piers. Bluefishing has been excellent at night on bait and chum at Ambrose and 3 Sisters. The best keeper fluke area this week that Fred knew of has been Ambrose Channel on large sand eels.

NEW YORK BIGHT

Over at **Skippy's Tackle in East Rockaway** comes word of loads of snappers locally and plenty of stripers at the bridges for clam chummers with most being under 33 inches. Fluking was slow on the inside this week and Skip called it "hit and miss" off Riis and at the Tin Can and Ambrose. Sixty to 150 lb. yellowfin have been trolled and chunked between the HA and Virginia, with an occasional dolphin also being taken.

Artie at **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle in Howard Beach** said that both bridges are yielding very good snapper catches on spearing and lures, and porgies on sand or blood worms, both on any moving tide. Fluking slowed but the best was off Riis and Ambrose. Small blues all ovr the place. Dennis Pearce, Ed Phillips and Billy Cheis nailed 4 blues to 12 lbs. on chunks on a dropping tide at the north channel bridge. Bigger blues are being caught on live bunke and some blue claws now in the bay.

Over in Sheepshead Bay, Captain John of the **America Fleet** told of an improvement in the fluking Saturday with catches even better on Sunday. Anglers had 3 to 10 keepers a man and best action was at the channels. John said the night bluefishing has been fantastic on the boats Friday and Saturday trips with fish mainly 5 to 8 lbs., some smaller, some larger.

Captain Butch of the brand new all aluminum **Zephyr** has been having excellent night bluefish trips on their every night schedule and he says there's plenty of room.

Word from **Mike's Tackle** across from the fleet told of fair catches of porgies this week, mixed sizes.

Joe Magnotta and 3.10 lb. fluke that he caught from the Magnolia Blvd. Pier. Photo courtesy of Skippy's Bait and Tackle in East Rockaway.

Bluefishing has been very good daytime, excellent at night and fluking has ranged from fair to good.

North Shore REPORT
with Marty Garrell

Action with bluefish and porgies continued red hot this week to the west of Port Jefferson and along the Connecticut coastline. Especially impressive were some late-week innings inside north shore bays and harbors with slammer blues to 18 lbs. taken from bulkheads, docks and beaches. Porgies, mixed with occasional fluke and blackfish, have been of varied size, but no one is complaining about the numbers. To the east, catches of all species were still good, but a little less consistent.

WESTERN SOUND

A call to **Jack's Bait on City Island** revealed plenty of action with small to medium sized porgies around "Gangway Rock" and the "Half Moon" area. Most fish average 3/4 lbs. and are taking sand worm baits. Inside the bay and over by Orchard Beach, there has been some excellent bluefishing over the last week with some of the fish pushing the 18 lb. class. The fish are taking both jigs and chunks and, despite heavy boat traffic, have been surfacing most mornings and evenings.

"Snappers out the ears!" is the way John described the action with small blues in the vicinity of the **Glen Cove Sport Shop.** Of bigger game, John noted that blues in the 8 to 15 lb. class have been in and out of Glen Cove Harbor all week long. It seems the oyxgen debt problem experienced in the western Sound two weeks ago has resolved itself and the fish are hungry and back in force.

Bluefishing on the open boat **Klondike VIII, New Rochelle** was excellent until Friday with catches of 3 to 10 lb. fish according to Pete Pearson. Saturday saw a return to good fishing, but mostly cocktails. By Sunday, however, fishing was back to normal with anglers filling bags with large choppers. All fish have been taken on daytime jigging trips.

The **City Island** open boat **Apache** has been finding cooperative schools of porgies between Centre Island reef and Smithtown Bay. According to Dom Cerbone, Saturday was "terrific" with anglers taking between 15 to 40 fish each. On Sunday, however, action was considerably slower. Most of the porgies are in the 3/4 lb. class

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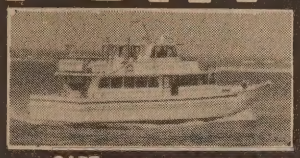

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NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

"Dynamite blues in Huntington Harbor! Fish to 18 lbs." That's the word from Bob at **Huntington Prop.** Many of the big blues, including an 18 lber. taken by 15 year old Chris Begley, have come from the bulkhead along the east side of the harbor. Work the incoming tides, especially when they occur early or late in the day. Even though the bluefishing is hot, it's far from the only game in town. On Saturday, the father and son team of James Burley Jr. and Sr., accounted for 150 porgies to 1.5 lbs. while fishing east of Eaton's Neck. A few weaks have also fallen for bunker chunks fished off of Cold Spring Harbor. Fluke have been on the feed, too. Tom Wilson reported that one angler participating in the Suffolk Sr. Citizen's Club Tournament nailed a 10 lber.

From the **Greenlawn Sport Shop**, we learned that Centerport Harbor anglers have also been doing a number on big blues. Live snappers or bunker chunks are producing the most and largest fish. Over off Sand's Point, fluke fishing has been consistent for anglers using sand eels and squid combos. For those who crave porgies, there are plenty around. Use sand worms for bait.

At **Bowman's in Northport**, Tom told us that blues, fluke and porgies are providing the bulk of the action for his shop regulars. Bluefishing has been especially good inside Northport Bay, however, you have to run ar around a little until the fish give themselves away by busting up the surface. Many blues have been large—over 15 lbs.— but you have to fish sunrise to 7:30AM or 6PM till dark in order to encounter the fish. Smaller blues, but more consistent action, can be had by trolling umbrella rigs in the buoy 13 area off Eaton's Neck. Fishing at the entrance to Duck Island on Wednesday evening, Harry Johanssen nailed 30 blues to 15 lbs. Tom also noted that fluke fishermen are finding a better ratio of keepers to throwbacks now. The "old channel" off Crescent Beach has been a hotspot, producing a generous number of 4 to 5 lb. flatties. Of the porgy action, all you want can be found in 30 feet of water off Eaton's Neck.

From George Valentine at **Four Winds in Huntington**, we learned that not only have the big blues been in and out of the harbor all week long, they have also taken up residence inside the entrance to the Lilco ramp. Lots of fish in the 8 lb. class have also been taken on jigs worked between the Lilco plant and Ashroken Beach. Fluke fishing has been excellent of late. Roslyn Rosenblatt of the Suffolk Senior Citizen Fishing Club took a 8 lber. on Saturday. Best fluking right now is between the Coast Guard Station and Sand City. One big weakfish was also checked in this week: a 12.5 lb. beauty taken on a bunker chunk dunked off the Centre Island reef by Bobby Bhrman.

Captain Roy Cash of the open boat **Port Jeff Ace**, termed the local bottom fishing "Good and steady." His day trips have been producing a mixed bag of mostly porgies, with a few fluke and blackfish thrown in for good measure. On Saturday's trip, "Chief" Woody Wilson copped the pool with a 4.5 lb. fluke. The boat's evening bluefish trips (4:30PMuntil dark) have been finding 2 to 12 fish per fare with most of the action off the Connecticut coastline. Roy mentioned that the boat will be sailing a special trip for blues to coincide with the North Shore Anglers Bluefish contest to be held this Friday and Saturday.

Captain John Alberta of **Sound**

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . −0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." −0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	5:40	6:00	6:35	7:00	6:30	6:45	7:40	7:50	10:00	10:15	9:20	9:30	5:30	6:00	8/20
FRI.	6:35	6:50	7:25	7:45	7:20	7:30	8:25	8:25	10:45	11:00	10:05	10:15	6:20	6:45	8/21
SAT.	7:20	7:30	8:05	8:25	8:00	8:15	9:00	9:05	11:25	11:40	10:45	10:55	7:05	7:25	8/22
SUN.	8:00	8:05	8:40	9:05	8:40	8:50	9:35	9:40	11:55	—	11:20	11:35	7:45	8:05	8/23
MON.	8:35	8:40	9:20	9:35	9:15	9:25	10:10	10:15	12:05	12:25	11:55	—	8:25	8:45	8/24
TUES.	9:10	9:15	9:55	10:10	9:50	9:55	10:40	10:50	12:25	12:35	12:10	12:30	9:05	9:20	8/25
WED.	9:45	9:50	10:30	10:45	10:25	10:30	11:15	11:30	12:40	12:55	12:45	1:05	9:40	9:55	8/26
THURS.	10:20	10:25	11:05	11:20	10:55	10:55	11:50	—	1:10	1:25	1:20	1:40	10:20	10:35	8/27

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	−0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	−0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	−0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	−0 12
Seaside Park	−0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	−0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	−0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	−0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	−0 02
Rehobeth Beach	−0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Democrat Point	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	−0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point, north side	−1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	−0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	−0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	−0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28
Port Chester	−0 09
Mamaroneck	−0 08
New Rochelle	−0 24
Davids Island	−0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	−0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	−0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	−1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 8/20	6:13	7:55
FRI. 8/21	6:14	7:53
SAT. 8/22	6:15	7:51
SUN. 8/23	6:16	7:49
MON. 8/24	6:17	7:47
TUE. 8/25	6:18	7:45
WED. 8/26	6:19	7:43

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 8/20	2:00AM	6:05PM
FRI. 8/21	3:00AM	6:40PM
SAT. 8/22	4:00AM	7:10PM
SUN. 8/23	5:05AM	7:35PM
MON. 8/24	6:05AM	8:00PM
TUE. 8/25	7:10AM	8:20PM
WED. 8/26	8:10AM	8:40PM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
8/24	9/1	9/7	9/14

The Original Knight SOLUNAR TABLES

The schedule of solunar periods below will help plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during the time when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	2:40	**8:45**	2:55	**9:10**
Fri.	3:25	**9:30**	3:40	**9:55**
Sat.	4:10	**10:15**	4:25	**10:40**
Sun.	4:55	**10:55**	5:05	**11:20**
Mon.	5:35	**11:35**	5:45	**11:55**
Tues.	6:10	—	6:30	**12:20**
Wed.	6:55	**12:40**	7:20	**1:50**
Thurs.	7:40	**1:30**	8:05	**1:50**

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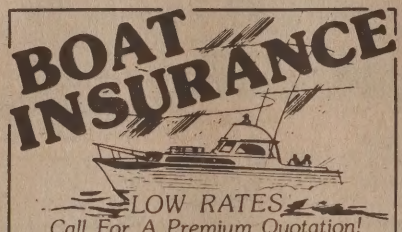

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Charters, Huntington, reported a banner week of bluefishing with a few good bass scores, too. Fishing bunker chunks, Dave Ribler and son Ethan put away to bass that tipped the scale at 22 lbs. each—this was in addition to 70 blues to 18 lbs.! Other successful charters this week included Paul Schrader and friends who jigged 75 blues to 8 lbs., the Elliot Paulter group with 60 blues to 9 lbs., Bob Smith and friends who nailed two bass to 15 lbs., along with 55 blues to 9 lbs., and the team of Tom Fletcher and John Probst who, along with girl friends Caroline and Claudette, jigged their coolers full with 45 blues to 18 lbs. **Sound Charters** is now booking for fall weekends and will sail evening trips right through September in addition to the regular trips which continue into November.

Ralph Davenport at **Ralph's** in Mt. Sinai, spoked of mixed fishing for porgies and fluke with both species seeing varied sizes and quantities from one day to the next. Bluefishing has picked up outside the harbor wit some fish to 14 lbs. falling for bunker chunks.

The **Huntington** based charter boat **Noli-Eileen** reported that bluefishing remained excellent through the week. A Sunday charter for Brian Schafer, Chris Mullaly and Tom Burke resulted in a boxfull of blues to 17 pounds. A reminder that the boat still has openings for upcoming bluefish contests slated for L.I. Sound waters.

Capt. Anthony Taverna of the **Port Jeff** charter boat **Morning Star**, relayed word of Thursday's catch of 162 porgies for Jerry Hank and his 11 year old son Billy and 12 year old son Ray. The trio also had a few blackfish and flounder mixed with the porgies. On Friday, Dennis Galanakis and his daughter Marina accounted for 250 porgies as well as a few blackfish, fluke, bluefish and stripers.

Captain Bruce Cash calls Port Jefferson "Bluefish City." At least 500 blues have been brought back to Port Jefferson on every trip made during the past ten days. Saturday night's trip was especially red hot, with over 600 blues hauled aboard the **Prowler.**

NORTH FORK

The **Peconic Star, Greenport**, reported a solid week of porgy fishing with a suprise shot of flounder. Most fishing has taken place off the Connecticut coast with both species in the medium to large class. Clam and worm baits have been producing ab about equally.

On the **Prime Time III, Orient**, skipper Larry Ciccotto has found the fluke fishing to be mixed with mostly keepers, but numbers varying from day to day. The boat has been working a number of locations including Gardiner's Island, Orient and a few deeper holes, while trying to pin the fish down.

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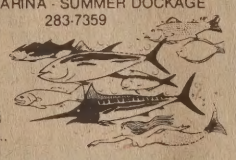

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Surf REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

While we may very well be in the 'August Doldrums', there continues to be some pretty fair, though inconsistent, action along the Island's beaches. The biggest problem is minimal angler effort which continues to result in very little in the way of reports. We managed to scrape up enough to reveal that there are some fish around for those willing to make the effort.

At **J&J Tackle** in **Patchogue**, Paul Graniello said that Shinnecock Inlet continues to produce lots of school bass for pluggers working night tides. The Bomber remains a favorite here. The same area has been producing an occasional big bluefish on chunk bait.

Out at **Montauk**, Johnny Kronuch spoke of a pretty quiet week. A big heave piled in on the South Side beaches from Friday and continued through the weekend. There was an occasional showing from blues earlier in the week on the south side and a few blues were picked on False Bar Sunday evening.

Mike Andreani at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** revealed that Pete Fanelli used chunk bait to take several big blues from the Cedar Bar on Friday night. Pete told Mike that casters apparently scored well the previous night with quite a few choppers to 15 pounds beached. Mike also put a 25.10 pound striper on the scale for Mitch Sarro. The fish was taken from a local beach on bait earlier in the week. Mike knew of a few bass, weaks and blues being picked from the Democrat surf as well.

George Schneider used a live eel to beach a 31 pound striper at Democrat Point early Saturday morning. The bass was weighed at **Charlie's Bait and Tackle** in **Lindenhurst**. Jimmy Schaefer, who weighed the fish, reported that casters using sandworms and live eels have been picking away at bass and weaks in the Democrat surf.

Some wild bluefishing occured late last week and on the weekend along the Huntington Harbor shore. George

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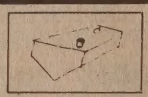

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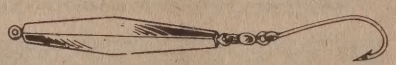

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Valentine of **Four Winds Tackle** in **Huntington** said that casters throwing big swimming plugs have enjoyed several big innings with blues in the 10 to 15 pound class. One blitz produced 250 blues from the Huntington Town Dock. The fish are glutting themselves on bunker.

Freshwater REPORT

with Tom Schlichter

Action with bass, pickerel, carp and panfish seemed to finally pick up a little big after three straight weeks of sluggish scores. Perhaps the recent string of slightly cooler nights have snapped some desire back into the fish. Still, freshwater reports continue to be elusive as many bass and trout anglers spend the warmest months working more salty waters.

At **Beckman's Bait and Tackle, Lynbrook**, Billy reports that the west end fishing scene has changed little since last week. Plenty of small bass are still available for those throwing small plugs or dunking worms in Grant Park or Hempstead Lake. No large fish reported at either location.

Small crappies have begun to feed again in the North Twin Lake, according to Mike Nicoletti of **Causeway Bait and Tackle, Wantagh**. At the same location, anglers are using live killies or small Rapalas to pick away at sub-legal bass. A few keepers are being caught at the Mill Pond, and these are falling for topwater plugs such as Jitterbugs, Tiny Torpedos and Hula Hoppers. Frog patterns have produced the most and largest bass.

At **Charlie's Bait and Tackle, Lindenhurst**, Jim Schaffer reports carp fishing in Argyle Lake and the Bergen Point golf course is holding its own. To prove his point, Jim informed us that at the latter location, 11 year old Jennifer Barrerrio caught nine fish Friday evening. All were taken on doughball baits.

A call to Fred Kruse of **Pine Grove Outfitters** in **Ronkonkoma** revealed 'picky' bass fishing this week with a few anglers reporting bass in the 3 pound range while fishing early or late in the day. Panfishing has been excellent with white perch and sunfish mixed together and an occasional catfish to spice up the day. The carp 'pros' are also doing well of late with plenty of fish up to 10 pounds being taken from the beach on a mixture of dough and corn niblets.

Fred also reminded me that the annual Bassmaster's Youth Fishing Clinic was taking place Sunday morning and that I should stop by to get a scoop on the action. I did, and found the shoreline north and south of the Victory Drive launch site clustered

with young anglers. According to Bill McGiviny who, with the help of 25 or so volunteers from the club and a few DEC officers, organizes and runs this classic, about 115 kids participated in this year's event and most of them walked away with at least a few panfish. Six bass, several catfish and a mix of white perch and sunnies were taken during the course of the day. While the fish in the buckets were quite impressive, even more notable were the many smiles on the faces of the young anglers, several of whom were proudly displaying first catches.

Jim Romano of **Peppy's Bait and Tackle, East Islip**, had only one confirmed report of bass action this week and that was a 4 pound fish taken in Brookwood Hall Lake by Tony Sopko. Tony, a regular at this location, has been taking a few fish on live killies each trip. Most of his better action has come in the evening hours.

At Caleb Smith State Park, Mike Venuti termed this an average week. Action with trout has been fair with a few decent fish to 18 inches culled from the river. The water is still pretty low right now and Mike feels a strong, soaking rain would be the best prescription to put he fish back on the feed for real.

Across the Island at **J&R Sports Center, Oakdale**, Phil left word that the fishing inside Connetquot River State Park Preserve has been very productive but most of the fish have been on the small side. Outside the park, the fishing is not as fast, but the fish are running a little larger. In fact, a 4 pound brown was taken in Rattlesnake Creek during the week. This fish fell for a nightcrawler bait.

A call to **J&J Bait and Tackle, Patchogue**, put me on the line with Paul Graniello who spoke of continued fast action with local bass. Most of this fishing is taking place in Cannon and Patchogue Lakes but some of the other local waters are giving up fish too. As with last week, quite a few bass are being coaxed into surface strikes by anglers tossing Jitterbugs, Tiny Torpedoes or Hula Hoppers. One nice brown trout was also weighed in this week. It was taken on a nightcrawler dunked in local waters, and tipped the scale at 3.12 pounds.

Out east at the **Fisherman's Deli, Riverhead**, Mrs. Devlin informs us she had eight rentals on Saturday and everybody caught fish. Most of the catches consisted of small bass and sunfish but William Foley culled seven pickerel in the 14-21 inch range and five bass to 15 inches from the waters of the Peconic right behind the shop. Most of these fish fell for a 'Striker' spinnerbait with a willow-leaf blade. Bill released all the fish he caught.

At Crazy Chief Ski and Sport, Hunter Mountain, Ken Josephson informs us that aside from some action with stockies, there has been little for trout fans to cheer about in the Catskills. The water levels on most streams are way down and it will take a good rain to perk things up.

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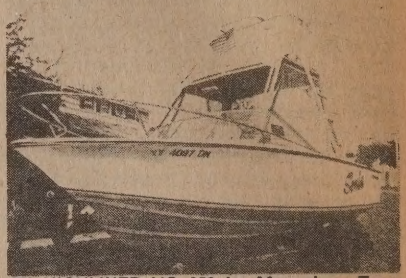

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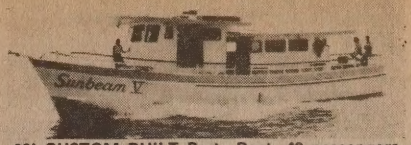

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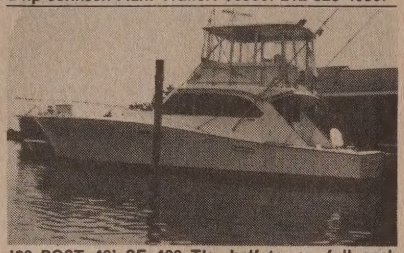

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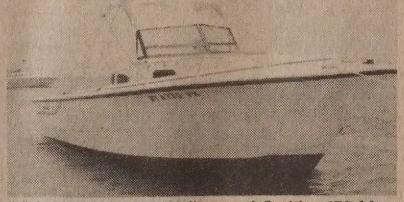

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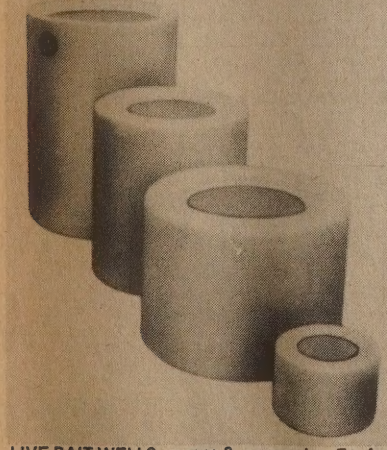

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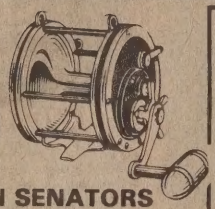

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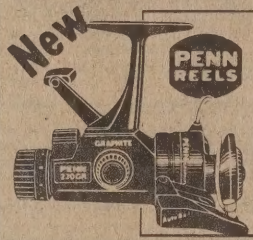

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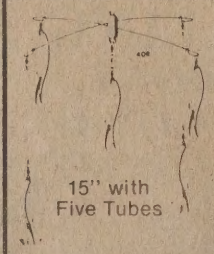

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